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SUMMER BIRDS OF COCHETOPA PARK, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

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Cochetopa Park is an area of undulating topography in northwestern Saguache County, Colorado, that supports a shrub-grass vegetation. Open forests of conifers and aspen occur on the surrounding mountains. The mean elevation within the park is about 9300 feet. Cochetopa Creek and its tributaries, the only drainage system of the area, are part of the Gunnison River watershed.* The summer weather is pleasant, but the nights are cool, even cold, and afternoon thunderstorms sweep across the park frequently during the summer months.

Observations of the bird fauna within the park and its surrounding mountains were made by field parties engaged in rodent research for Colorado State University with Dr. Richard M. Hanson as project leader. George D. Bear, Drs. Ronald A. Ryder and Terry A. Vaughan, Colorado State University, and Dr. A. Sidney Hyde, Western State College, reviewed the list and provided additional information.

This list includes birds observed during the summer months (early June through early September) of 1959-61. The observations of D. J. Neff cited here are those reported in his master's thesis, "Ecological Effects of Habitat Abandonment by Beavers on a High Mountain Valley in Colorado", Colorado State University, 1956.

Where possible, adjectives are used to describe abundance. These have the following definitions: very common - seen daily in good numbers; common - seen almost daily; fairly common - seen fairly often; uncommon - seen once in a while; rare - seen very seldom. Of the ninety-one species listed, most are summer residents, some are migrants.

Great Blue Heron - uncommon. Four to six were seen occasionally at reservoirs along Cochetopa Creek during June, 1961.
Black-crowned Night Heron - uncommon; along Cochetopa Cteek.
American Bittern - rare. One seen by George Bear on Archuleta Creek, Aug.23, 1961.
Mallard - fairly common.
Green-winged Teal - fairly common.
Goshawk - uncommon. One observed on the slope of Cochetopa Dome in September, 1960.
Sharp-shinned Hawk - rare.
Cooper's Hawk - observed in the Chavez-Nutras Creeks area by Neff.
Red-tailed Hawk - observed in the Chavez- Nutras Creeks area by Neff.
Swainson's Hawk - fairly common.
Rough-legged Hawk - reported in the Chavez-Nutras Creeks area by Neff.
Golden Eagle - uncommon.
Marsh Hawk - rare.
Sparrow Hawk - common.
Blue Grouse - uncommon. Observed in coniferous forest and sagebrush parks on the north side of Cochetopa Dome.

*The area lies northwest of Cochetopa Pass and can be reached by State Route 114, between Gunnison and Saguache.

Sage Grouse - uncommon. Seen along West Pass Creek and Los Pinos Creek. Provides some hunting for local residents.
Sora - observed by Neff.
American Coot - uncommon.
Killdeer - uncommon.
Common Snipe - uncommon.
Long-billed Curlew - rare. One seen along Archuleta Creek, July 6, 1960.
Spotted Sandpiper - uncommon.
Solitary Sandpiper - observed by Neff, probably as a migrant.
Wilson's Phalarope - uncommon.
Mourning Dove - fairly common.
Great Horned Owl - uncommon.
Pygmy Owl - observed by Neff.
Saw-whet Owl - rare. One entered the camp tent in July, 1960, and remained inside several days.
Poor-will - fairly common. Observed along dusty roads after dark.
Common Nighthawk - common.
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - common.
Rufous Hummingbird - observed by Neff, probably as a migrant.
Red-shafted Flicker - common.
Williamson's Sapsucker - uncommon.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - uncommon.
Hairy Woodpecker - observed by Neff.
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker - uncommon. Seen on the headwaters of Lujan Creek and in the spruce forest bordering the park.
Western Kingbird - apparently rare.
Traill's Flycatcher - observed by Hyde.
Dusky Flycatcher - observed by Hyde.
Western Flycatcher - observed by Neff.
Western Wood Pewee - fairly common.
Olive-sided Flycatcher - fairly common.
Horned Lark - very common.
Violet-green Swallow - common.
Barn Swallow - fairly common.
Cliff Swallow - fairly common.
Gray Jay - fairly common in the coniferous forest bordering the park.
Steller's Jay - uncommon.
Black-billed Magpie - fairly common in the park; common in the canyon of Cochetopa Creek.
Common Raven - uncommon.
Common Crow - uncommon.
Clark's Nutcracker - fairly common.
Mountain Chickadee - fairly common.
Red-breasted Nuthatch - fairly common.
Pygmy Nuthatch - observed by Hyde.
Brown Creeper - observed by Neff.
Dipper - observed by Neff.
Sage Thrasher - rare. One caught in a rodent trap near West Pass Creek in September, 1959.
Robin - very common.
Hermit Thrush - uncommon.
Swainson's Thrush - observed by Neff.
Mountain Bluebird - common.
Townsend's Solitaire - uncommon.
Golden-crowned Kinglet - observed by Neff.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - uncommon.
Northern Shrike - One observed by George Bear on Baldy Chato above timberline, late August, 1961.
Loggerhead Shrike - common during post-nesting dispersal.
Solitary Vireo - apparently rare.

Yellow Warbler - uncommon.
Audubon's Warbler - uncommon.
MacGillivray's Warbler - observed by Hyde.
Wilson's Warbler - observed by Neff.
Western Meadowlark - fairly common.
Red-winged Blackbird - very common.
Brewer's Blackbird - very common.
Western Tanager - apperently rare.
Cassin's Finch - uncommon; observed along Lujan Creek.
Pine Grosbeak - observed by Neff.
Pine Siskin - uncommon.
Red Crossbill - fairly common.
Green-tailed Towhee - fairly common.
Lark Bunting - apparently rare. One male seen June 17, 1961, along West Pass Creek.
Savannah Sparrow - observed by Hyde.
Vesper Sparrow - very common in the sagebrush.
Gray-headed Junco - common.
Brewer's Sparrow - observed by Hyde.
Chipping Sparrow - observed by Neff.
White-crowned Sparrow - observed by Neff.
Lincoln's Sparrow - observed by Hyde.
Song Sparrow - observed by Neff.

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SPRING SEASON, 1962

by Donald M. Thatcher

The dry, mild and early spring had generally a quiet, unspectacular migration, but the usual number of exceptional, unexpected occurrences were reported. Several observers commented on the poor season for finding birds, not only in this area but throughout the country. Following are listed: (1) last dates for many winter resident species, (2) first and last dates for species locally transient, and (3) first dates for summer residents, also notes on (4) some "stragglers" and (5) a few permanent resident species, and (6) some additions to the 1961-62 winter report. For completeness of this summary, several reports from the Spring Count and Howard Rollin's "Weldona Notes" are repeated here. Especially unusual species are capitalized.

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Winter Resident Species

Latest spring observations, unless otherwise noted (H - high count)

Gadwall 4 5/26 Morrison (Club).
Pintail - 5 5/11 Longmont (IB).
Green-winged Teal - 1 6/3 LaSalle (Club); 1 6/12 (summer resident?) Nee Noshe Resv. Kiowa Co. (C&MS).
Shoveler - 4 6/3 LaSalle (Club).

Wood Duck - 4 3/4 BowMar (Club); 2 4/29 Jefferson Co. (R&NG).
Redhead - H 6000 3/19 Arapahoe Co. (TM); 8 6/23 Morrison (summer res.?) (Club).
Ring-necked Duck - 5/19 1 Boulder, 2 Longmont (Count).
Canvasback - 1-8 4 areas 5/19 (Count).
Lesser Scaup - 1 5/31 Longmont (IB).
Common Goldeneye - 1 5/19 (Count), previous last 3 females 4/25 Bonny Resv. (PJ).
Barrow's Goldeneye - 1 4/7 Ft. Collins and Estes Park (RR).
Bufflehead - 2-6 4 areas 5/19 (Count).
Oldsquaw - 1 3/7 Larimer Co. (ACol, EM).
Common Merganser - 4-5 5/19 Lamar, Ft. Collins (Count).
Rough-legged Hawk - 1 4/18 Longmont (IB); 1 5/19 Boulder (Count); summer occ. 7/1 Franktown (Club).
Bald Eagle - 7 ad., 6 imm. 3/20 Ft. Collins (RR).
Pigeon Hawk - 1 3/31 Ft. Collins (Club).
Herring Gull - 2 3/31 Ft. Collins (Club).
Ring-billed Gull - Many, 6 areas 5/19 (Count).
Mountain Chickadee - 2 5/19 Franktown-Castle Rock area (P&JW).
White-breasted Nuthatch - very late, at suet 6/11 Longmont (IB).
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 4/16 Denver (TM).
Brown Creeper - 1 4/7 Platteville (ML).
Bewick's Wren - 1 3/11 Red Rocks Park (Club).
Townsend's Solitaire -1 5/1 Denver, only observation since 3/30 (TM); 5/3 Barr Lake (HH).
Bohemian Waxwing - last, plains 300 4/4 Boulder (DC); mountains 21 4/14 Fall River (Idaho Springs)(R&NG).
Northern Shrike - 2 3/25 Sedalia (Club).
Rusty Blackbird - 2 5/19 Longmont (Count).
Evening Grosbeak - exceptionally numerous, east of foothills and Durango on western slope through winter and until May. Last, Denver area 12 5/26 Morrison (Club).
Cassins Finch - 2 females 4/30 Longmont (IB).
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch - 1 4/8 Golden (HH).
Pine Sisken - 3 5/27 Denver (TM).
White-winged Junco - 1 4/10 Denver (TM).
Slate-colored Junco - 4/10 Weldona (HR).
Oregon Junco - 7 Colorado Springs, 1 Durango 5/19 (Count).
Gray-headed Junco - 2 5/1 Denver (TM).
Tree Sparrow - 2 Colorado Springs, 1 Durango 5/19 (Count).
Harris' Sparrow - 2 4/11 Boulder Co. (the only sparrows seen in 5-hour trip (L&CB).
White-crowned Sparrow - 1 5/29 Denver (city)(L&CB).

Transient Species

Earliest arrivals and latest departures, unless noted otherwise. Includes some species resident in summer or winter elsewhere in the region, but here considered to be migrants in the localities reported. (F - first, L - last, H - high count).

Common Loon - 1 4/15 Denver (Club).
Horned Grebe - 4 3/31 Ft. Collins (RR&Club); 4 4/15 Denver (Club).
White Pelican - 20 4/8-12, 30 4/15 LaSalle (ML,EM).
GREEN HERON - 1 5/10,19 Boulder (PJ), 1 5/13 Bonny Resv. (ACol,RR,HW).
Whistling Swan - 1 3/6 Culver Lake, Larimer Co. (EM); 5 3/30 Ft. Collins (RR); 3 imm. 4/1 BowMar (R&NG).
Canada Goose - F, 6 3/17 Platteville (ML).
"Cackling" Canada Goose (B.c.minima) - 2 during April and May, Bonny Resv. (HW).
White-fronted Goose - 4 3/19,20 Longmont (IB,ACol).
Snow Goose - 10 2/14 Bonny Resv. (IB,ACol); (H) 200 3/18 Sheridan Lake (Kiowa Co.) (TM); 3 5/15 Bonny Resv. (ACol,RR,HW); also singles at Cherry Creek Dam, Arapahoe Co. 3/19-22 (TM) and LaSalle 5/8 (C&BB).
BLUE GOOSE - 2 3/18 with Snow Geese, Sheridan Lake (TM).
American Widgeon - 20 4/15 Denver (Club); several 5/19 in several areas outside breeding range (Count).
Ruddy Duck - 1 3/17 Denver (Club); 88 4/13 Ft. Collins (RR).

Hooded Merganser - pair 4/4 Ft.Collins (RR).
Red-breasted Merganser - 6 3/31, 7 4/4 Ft. Collins (all three species of mergansers on one lake 4/4 - RR).
Ferruginous Hawk - 1 3/10 Jefferson Co. (DC,ACol).
Osprey - 1 4/13 Longmont (IB); H 3 4/21 Morrison vicinity (Club); 1 5/19 Ft. Collins (Count).
Peregrine Falcon - 1 ea. 5/19 Boulder and Barr Lake (Count).
Sandhill Crane - 3-4 4/4-13 Ft. Collins (RR)(only spring report except the 2 at Bonny Resv. 2/14-15).
Semipalmated Plover - 3 4/22 Arapahoe Co. (TM); 3 5/3 Brighton (HH).
Black-bellied Plover - 2 4/30 Longmont (IB); 1 5/6 Bonny Resv. (HH).
Solitary Sandpiper - 1 5/3,28 Golden (GS).
Willet - 4 4/11 Boulder Co (L&CB); 1-2 5/19 Boulder, Ft. Collins (Count).
Greater Yellowlegs - 1 3/27 Longmont (ACol); H 6 4/4 Ft. Collins (RR); 1 5/12 Barr Lake (Club).
Lesser Yellowlegs - 3 4/1 Arapahoe Co (HH); 1 6/3 LaSalle (Club).
White-rumped Sandpiper - 1 6/3 LaSalle (CS).
Baird's Sandpiper - 2 3/10 Barr Lake (Club); H, 18 3/20 Longmont (IB); 2 5/19 Boulder (Count).
Least Sandpiper - 1 4/23 Longmont (EM); H,20 4/28 Berthoud-Longmont (Club); 5 5/19 Boulder (Count).
Long-billed Dowitcher - 3 3/29 Mile-high Lakes (HH); several at 6 areas 5/19 (Count).
Stilt Sandpiper - 1 5/11 Longmont (IB).
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 12(H) 4/29 Lafayette (HH); 1 5/26 LaSalle (NH,T&RD).
Western Sandpiper - 1 Barr Lake, 5 Colorado Springs 5/19 (Count).
Marbled Godwit - 2 4/15 Longmont (IB); H, 70 4/28 Longmont-Berthoud (Club); 9 5/19 Ft. Collins (Count).
Sanderling - 3 5/3 Longmont (IB); 3 5/19 Bonny Resv. (Count).
Black-necked Stilt - 4 5/19 Ft. Collins (Count).
California Gull - 1 4/28 Longmont-Berthoud (Club); H, 27 4/29 Ft. Collins (TM); 1-4 5/19 Ft. Collins, Longmont, and Park Co. (Count).
Franklin's Gull - 1 4/17 Longmont (EM); H, 106 5/19 Ft. Collins (Count); 36 6/12 Nee Noshe Resv., Kiowa Co (C&MS).
Bonaparte's Gull - 16 4/29 Ft. Collins (TM); 3 5/5 Longmont (IB).
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1 5/19 Bonny Resv. (Count).
Eastern Phoebe - 1 Bonny Resv, 1 Boulder 5/19 (Count).
Eastern Wood Pewee - 1 5/19 Longmont (ACol).
Olive-sided Flycatcher - 5/24 Longmont (IB); 1 6/3 Boulder (PJ).
Violet-green Swallow - 3 4/1 Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co (R&NG); 4/28 Longmont (IB).
Tree Swallow - 12 4/7 BowMar (HH); 25 4/7 Lyons (EB,DC,ACon).
Pinon Jay - flock 5/2,26 Golden (GS); 5 5/6 Red Rocks Park (DT); 5/8 Boulder (PJ).
Wood Thrush - 1 5/19 Bonny Resv. (Count).
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH - 1 4/9 seen well, Golden (RC,HH).
Western Bluebird - 6 4/30 Red Rocks (R&NG).
Mountain Bluebird - 2 2/4 10 miles SE Castle Rock (Club); next, 8 3/4 Parker (Club); 3/24 Durango (OR); very low high count, 25 4/11 Boulder Co (L&CB).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - last, 1 5/2 Denver (TM).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1 5/2 Red Rocks (HH); 2 6/9 (late) Morrison (P&JW).
SPRAGUE'S PIPIT - 2 5/19 Johnson's Resv., Colorado Springs (Count - Mrs. GLC, MS).
Bell's Vireo - 2 5/19 Bonny Resv. (Count).
Solitary Vireo - last, plains 1 5/12 Barr Lake (Club).
Black-and-white Warbler - 1 5/19 Bonny Resv. (Count); 1 6/10 Ft. Morgan (Club).
Tennessee Warbler - 1 5/13 Red Rocks Park (DT); 1 5/19 Colorado Springs (Count).
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 5/16 Platteville (ML); 1 5/30 Douglas Co (plains)(NH,RD,LW)
MAGNOLIA WARBLER - 1 5/19 Lamar (Count-C&MS).
Myrtle Warbler - 12 4/28 Berthoud-Longmont (Club); 1-2 5/19 3 areas, Colorado Springs to Ft. Collins (Count).
Audubon's Warbler - (plains) 1 4/15, 1 5/13 Weldona (HR).
Black-throated Gray Warbler - 1 5/21 Golden (GS).
Ovenbird - 1 5/10 Weldona (HR); 1 5/23 Longmont (ACol).

Northern Waterthrush - 2 Bonny Resv., 1 Ft. Collins 5/19 (Count).
MOURNING WARBLER - 1 5/19 Bonny Resv. closely observed at 20-30 feet by JC and TM. At place where bird believed to be this species, but finally identified as MacGillivray's Warbler because of trace of white eye-ring at one eye, was collected in 1960. This bird was with a female MacGillivray's Warbler. This is first Colorado record.
Bobolink - 1 5/19 Bonny Resv. (Count).
Western Tanager - 1 male 5/6 Denver (L&CB); 5/22 Denver (TM).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1 5/8 Englewood (RA); 1 5/17 Denver (DT); 2 each 5/19 Ft. Collins, Red Rocks Park, Colorado Springs (Count); 1 5/24 Lyons (IP).
White-throated Sparrow - 1 Boulder, Ft. Collins 5/19 (Count).
McCown's Longspur - 4/13 Weldona (HR).

Summer Resident Species

Earliest spring observations, unless noted otherwise.

Eared Grebe - 1 4/23 Longmont (IB).
Western Grebe - 1 4/15 LaSalle (ML); 9 4/18, many 5/1 Longmont (IB).
Double-crested Cormorant - 2 4/21 Morrison (Club).
Great Blue Heron - 1 3/5 (first since 12/27) Longmont (ACol); 6 3/31 Ft. Collins (Club); 30 4/11 incl. 25 at nests, Boulder Co (L&CB).
Common Egret - 1 6/3 LaSalle (Club).
Snowy Egret - 1 4/13 Ft. Collins (RR).
Black-crowned Night Heron - 2 4/1 Weld Co (near Berthoud)(EM).
American Bittern - 1 4/15 Ft. Collins (RR).
White-faced Ibis - 6 4/4 Ft. Collins (RR).
Mallard - first arrived at puddles along Hogback, Golden, in Feb., a month earlier than 1961 (GS).
Blue-winged Teal - 1 male 3/20 Arapahoe Co (TM).
Cinnamon Teal - 1 3/9 Longmont (AC); next, 2 3/23 Arapahoe Co (TM).
Turkey Vulture - 7 4/13 Dinosaur National Park (RR).
Swainson's Hawk - 1 3/22 Lafayette (HH).
Sora - 1 4/21 BowMar (R&NG).
American Coot - 61 3/19 (first in numbers) Arapahoe Co (TM).
Mountain Plover - 3 4/29 Nunn (HH).
Long-billed Curlew - 1 4/19 Longmont (IB).
Spotted Sandpiper - 1 4/22 Longmont (EM).
American Avocet - 1 3/21 Longmont (IB,ACol).
Wilson's Phalarope - 1 4/19 Mile-high Lakes (HH); H, 250 4/29 Ft. Collins (TM).
Northern Phalarope - 1 Ft. Collins, 450 Longmont 5/19 (Count).
Forster's Tern - 1 4/21 Longmont (EM).
Black Tern - 4 5/10 Longmont (IB).
Mourning Dove - 8 3/7 Longmont (ACol,EM); first song 3/8 Denver (DT); fewer than 1961, Platteville (ML).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 5/19 Bonny Resv (Count); 1 5/20 Denver (DT).
Black-billed Cuckoo - 1 5/20-29 Denver (L&CB).
Burrowing Owl - 1 3/20 Arapahoe Co (TM).
Poor-will - 1 5/1 Golden (GS).
Common Nighthawk - 1-5, 4 areas on plains 5/19 (Count); flock 18 5/27 Boulder (PJ).
CHIMNEY SWIFT - 5/14 Boulder (PJ); 13 5/19 Colorado Springs (Count, RGB-first El Paso Co. record); 8 5/22 downtown Denver (HH); 4 6/2 Longmont (IB).
White-throated Swift - 20 5/6 Red Rocks Park (DT); 5/6 Longmont (IB).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 1 4/29 Morrison (R&NG).
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD - 1 5/19 Colorado Springs (Count).
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 5/6 Bonny Resv (HH); 1 5/11 Longmont (IB).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 4/15 Shawnee, Park Co (R&NG).
Williamson's Sapsucker - 2 4/15 Genesee Mtn Park (SM).
Eastern Kingbird - 1 5/8 Weldona (HR).
Western Kingbird - 1 4/9 (early) Morrison (R&NG); next, 2 4/23 Platteville (ML).
Cassin's Kingbird - 3 5/18 Lamar (C&MS); 7 5/19 Franktown vic. (Count).
Say's Phoebe - 3/16 Durango (OR); 1 3/28 Weldona (HR).

Western Wood Pewee - 1 5/6 Elizabeth, Elbert Co (R&NG); 1-8 5/19 8 Count areas.
Bank Swallow - 4 4/29 Longmont (HH).
Rough-winged Swallow - 1 4/1 Arapahoe Co (TM).
Barn Swallow - 1 4/10 Ft. Collins (RR).
Cliff Swallow - 1 4/1 (2 weeks early) Henry L., Jefferson Co (R&NG); next 4/21, Longmont (IB).
House Wren - 3/25 Sedalia (Club); 1 5/21 Denver, late migrant in city (L&CB).
Rock Wren - 1 4/14 Weldona (HR).
Mockingbird - 1 4/16 Weldona (HR).
Catbird - 1-6 5/19 7 areas (Count).
Brown Thrasher - 5/10 Boulder (PJ).
Sage Thrasher - 1 3/31 Weldona (HR).
Robin - first song 3/6 Denver (DT); H 70 3/7 Denver (TM); flock 100 migrating at 7000 feet 5/22,23 Larimer Co (L&CB).
Swainson's Thrush - 1-14 5/19 9 areas (Count).
Veery - 1 5/11 Arapahoe Co (RA).
Western Bluebird - 2 4/8 Red Rocks Park (TM,DT); 3 4/22 Genesee Mtn. Park (R&NG).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 4/1 Deer Creek, Jefferson Co. (R&NG).
Loggerhead Shrike - 1 3/18 Eads, Kiowa Co (TM); 2 4/15 Weldona (HR).
Warbling Vireo - 1 5/10 Platteville (ML).
Red-eyed Vireo - 1-6 5/19 5 areas (Count).
Virginia's Warbler - 2 5/2 Red Rocks Park (HH).
Yellow Warbler - 5/4 Denver (TM,HH); not numerous until 5/8.
MacGillivray's Warbler - 1-5 5/19 at 7 localities (Count).
Yellowthroat - 5/11 Longmont (IB).
Yellow-breasted Chat - 5/12 Longmont (IB); unusually numerous 5/19 (Count).
Wilson's Warbler - 1-4 5/19 6 localities (Count); no other spring reports for this species, which usually arrives between mid-April and early May.
American Redstart - 1 5/5 Golden (GS).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - first report after wintering bird at Mile-High Lakes 2/4 (C&MS) was one at Wheat Ridge 3/11 & 12 (R.Dorsey); next, 4/8 Mead, Weld Co (EM); first in numbers 4/15.
Orchard Oriole - 1 5/6 Bonny Resv (HH).
Baltimore Oriole - male 5/5 Lamar (TM); 1 5/6 Bonny Resv (HH).
Bullock's Oriole - male 5/5 Lamar (TM); 2 5/8 Platteville (ML).
Brewer's Blackbird - 6 3/1 Platteville (ML); see Weldona Notes (spring); 30 males, 2 females 4/4 Rocky Mtn Arsenal, Derby (TM).
Common Grackle - 8 4/3 Longmont (IB,EM); 9 4/5 Denver (TM).
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2 4/10 Weldona (HR); 1 4/16 Denver (TM); male 4/25, female 5/3 Longmont (IB).
Black-headed Grosbeak - 5/10 Longmont (IB).
Blue Grosbeak - 4 Bonny Resv, 2 Ft. Collins, 2 Longmont 5/19 (Count).
Indigo Bunting - 1 Colorado Springs, 1 Ft. Collins 5/19 (Count); 3 5/26 Morrison(Club)
IndigoXLazuli Bunting hybrid - 1 5/26 Morrison (Club).
Lazuli Bunting - 1 4/27 Lyons (IP); next, 6 5/6 Red Rocks Park (DT).
Dickcissel - 2 5/6 Bonny Resv (HH); 1-4 5/19 Bonny, Lamar, Longmont (Count).
Lesser Goldfinch - 12 Boulder, 3 Durango 5/19 (Count).
Green-tailed Towhee - 1 5/6 Red Rocks (DT).
Lark Bunting - 1 4/26 Weldona (HR); 178 5/5 plains vicinity Bennett (TM).
Savannah Sparrow - 5 3/25 Sedalia (Club).
Grasshopper Sparrow - 1 5/5 Baca Co (TM).
Baird's Sparrow - 1 5/5 Antero Resv., Park Co (R&NG).
Vesper Sparrow - 1 4/14 Weldona (HR); 20 4/18 Platteville (ML).
Lark Sparrow - 2 4/23 Platteville (ML).
Cassin's Sparrow - 1 5/5 Baca Co (TM).
Chipping Sparrow - 4/18 Durango (OR); 1 4/20 Platteville (ML).
Clay-colored Sparrow - 2 Weldona (HR), 6 Baca Co (TM) 5/5.
Brewer's Sparrow - 1 5/3 in full song, Denver (L&CB).
McCown's Longspur - 10 4/29 Nunn (HH).
Chestnut-collared Longspur - 6 4/29 Nunn (HH).

"Stragglers" or Accidental Visitors

EUROPEAN WIDGEON - male 5/3, gray body and brown head, perhaps some mixture with Am. Widgeon, City Park, Denver (TM). Probably first Colorado record.
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD - 1 5/19 Colorado Springs (Count).
PAINTED BUNTING - a beautiful male 5/17-20 at feeder, seen by several (AMB). Only other Colorado record is of an immature male at Mesa Verde in 1938.

Permanent Resident Species

Unusual numbers or localities, etc.

Golden Eagle - 4 imm., 2 ad. 4/12 Craig (RR).
Sharp-tailed Grouse - 18 4/12 near Franktown (HH).
Chukar - 1 5/12 south of Golden (R&NG).
Turkey - 2 5/6 Cimarron River, Baca Co (ACol,RR).
Common Snipe - aerial display 5/31 6/22 Platteville (ML).
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 5/6 Bonny Resv (HH).
Blue Jay - a few wintered at Denver; 3 at feeder until 4/14 or later, Platteville (ML).
Scrub Jay - 1 3/9 SE Denver (TM).
Western Meadowlark - first song 3/5Denver (DT).
House Finch - last winter flock, Platteville, 10 3/17 (ML).
Rufous-sided Towhee - last in city, Denver, 1 4/5 (TM).

Additions to Winter Report

Canada Goose - high count of 525 12/3/61 Cherry Creek Dam (TM).
Bohemian Waxwing - flocks 75-150 at Durango 1/16-3/24 (OR).
Cedar Waxwing - flocks 25-50 Durango 1/24-3/26 (OR).
Starling - marked increase over previous winters, Durango (OR).
Audubon's Warbler - 1 fed on soft suet pudding at feeder 1/18-26 Durango (OR).

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WELDONA NOTES, SPRING 1962

by Howard Rollin

April 30 - The past month was very dry, only traces of rain being recorded. Most days were pleasant, with a few having strong winds to mar them. Birds are still scarce. Some migrant species have not been seen at all and those that did show up were very few in numbers.

May 31 - April's extreme drought continued until May 16, when the wet period started with an all-day rain. Then until and including May 31, 6.6 inches fell, with only one hard cloudburst that made the canyons and creek run. The grass was already started, and now all is green and lush. The dry weather favored the nesting birds and fair numbers of young were raised by the Horned Lark and the Western Meadowlark. While some species are quite common, others are scarce or entirely missing.

The following notes summarize the two months (A-April, M-May):

Mallard - only duck seen here; a few at the potholes (M).
Swainson's Hawk - first, 1 4/13; a few remain.
Rough-legged Hawk - last 4/11.
Golden Eagle - occasional.
Marsh Hawk - very few seen.
Sparrow Hawk - few.
Ring-necked Pheasant - fair numbers.
Killdeer - very few (A); fair number, occasionally about the buildings (M).
Common Snipe - 1 4/21.
Long-billed Curlew - the first in years, heard calling (M).
Upland Plover - 1 4/21.
Mourning Dove - first, 1 4/6-7; fairly common 4/25 and through May.

Great Horned Owl - scarce.
Common Nighthawk - first, 1 5/23-24; small numbers since.
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 5/12-13.
Eastern Kingbird - first, 1 5/8-15; very few.
Western Kingbird - first, 1 5/17-24, then common; have nest near house.
Say's Phoebe - small number through A; pair has nest under eaves renovated and ready for eggs (4/30), young half-grown (5/31); fairly common, some nesting in canyons(M).
Empidonax (Traills' ?) - 1 5/30, distinct wing bars, brown above and dull white below.
Horned Lark - common; first young on wing 4/22.
Rough-winged Swallow - fairly common, first 1 5/9-19.
Black-billed Magpie - common; nests ready 4/30.
Rock Wren - first, 1 4/14-15; common (M).
Mockingbird - first, 1 4/16 (earliest in 16 years), next 4/18; fairly common, one nesting in branch pile (5/31).
Brown Thrasher - scarce; nesting in bushes by house (M).
Sage Thrasher - (first 3/31); next 4/4, scarce, A; none, M.
Robin - present 3/23 to 4/9.
Hermit Thrush - 1 5/17.
Mountain Bluebird - (first 3/6) a very few present to 4/19.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 5/5-17.
Loggerhead Shrike - first, 2 4/15-16; nesting at ranch (M).
Starling - occasional, A & M.
Audubon's Warbler - 1 4/15, 1 5/13.
Ovenbird - 1 5/10-12.
Yellowthroat - 1 5/19-20.
MacGillivray's Warbler - 1 5/29.
House Sparrow - occasional, small numbers.
Western Meadowlark - very numerous, A&M; young on wing, 5/31.
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1 5/7.
Red-winged Blackbird - very few, A and until 5/10.
Bullock's Oriole - fairly common, May to 5/31.
Brewer's Blackbird - first, 2 4/3-4; occasional in small numbers until last 5/10.
Common Grackle - first, 3 4/10; occasional (A).
Brown-headed Cowbird - 2 4/10; first female 4/16; small number through 5/31.
Blue Grosbeak - first, 1 5/20-28; remaining, 5/31.
House Finch - 1 4/7,13,14.
American Goldfinch - first, 1 4/20; occasional, M.
Green-tailed Towhee - 1 5/13-14.
Rufous-sided Towhee - 1 5/18.
Lark Bunting - first, 1 4/26; first female 5/3, common by 5/10.
Savannah Sparrow - 2 5/15.
Vesper Sparrow - first, 1 4/14-17; scarce this spring; last 5/19.
Lark Sparrow - first, 1 4/26; fairly common through May.
Cassin's Sparrow - first, 1 5/25; a few through 5/31; less numerous than in 1961.
White-winged Junco - (first, 2 3/29); last 4/3.
Slate-colored Junco - first, 1 4/7-8; last 4/10.
Oregon Junco - last 4/1.
Gray-headed Junco - 1 4/6 (rare here).
Chipping Sparrow - first, 4 5/4; through 5/11, singing.
Clay-colored Sparrow - first, 2 5/5-6; last 5/20; scarce this year.
Brewer's Sparrow - first, 3 5/6; fair numbers in suitable places in sage.
White-crowned Sparrow - small number, A, to 4/26; 2 5/4,6; last 5/19; scarce this year
Song Sparrow - 1 5/5.
McCown's Longspur - first, 3 4/2; approx 1000 4/11-12; last 4/13.

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BREEDING SEASON, 1962

by Donald M. Thatcher

A favorable season, with an early spring, considerable precipitation, and few severe storms, resulted in many interesting reports of successful breeding activities and summer occurrences.

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Western Grebe - 30 6/3 LaSalle (Club); 30 including 5 seen on nests, 6/23-24 Nee Noshe Resv. Kiowa Co. (First time nesting there, according to local farmer-C&MS).
Double-crested Cormorant - young on nest 6/3 LaSalle (Club); 30 6/23-24 and 7/13-14 Nee Noshe Resv. (fourth or fifth year of nesting-C&MS).
Snowy Egret - 2 6/15 LaSalle (IB).
American Bittern - 1 young 8/7 Platteville (ML).
White-faced Ibis - 21 6/15 LaSalle (IB).
Common Merganser - female, 3 young 7/25 Indian Meadows, Larimer Co at 7000 ft (L&CB).
Goshawk - nest in ponderosa pine at 7400 feet elevation near Evergreen, May-June. At least one young raised, female parent believed shot (DL).
Turkey - 7 adult females, 42 young, 11 miles west of Sedalia at Jarre Canyon road, 7/24 (reported to SM).
Killdeer - 5 young 5/10 Platteville (ML).
American Avocet - 2 pairs nested in pasture, Platteville (ML).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - pair 7/1 Littleton (P&JW); heard throughout summer at Platteville (ML).
Black-billed Cuckoo - pair 6/26-29 Golden (GS); 1 6/17 Englewood (RA).
Burrowing Owl - 5 pairs nesting in pasture, June and through summer, Platteville (ML); family of 7 on fallen tree at Rocky Mtn Arsenal, Derby, 7/12 (MLR).
Short-eared Owl - 2 or 3 pairs through summer at Rocky Mtn Arsenal, family of 8 seen 7/12 (MLR); 2 6/15 LaSalle (Latham Resv.)(IB).
Chimney Swift - several pairs through summer at Boulder; 2 6/17 Cheyenne, Wyoming (P&JW); 4 7/11 Ft. Collins (RG).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - nest with noisy young being fed by parent 7/10 in aspen (in small stand of large aspen) near Bailey at approx. 9000 feet elevation. Male Williamson's Sapsucker at same time in ponderosa pines only 100 yards distant (DT).
Eastern Kingbird - young on wing 7/31 Longmont (IB).
Western Kingbird - 5 pairs through summer, gone by 8/1, Platteville (ML).
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2-3 5/19, 6/3 half-built nest (deserted 7/13) Campo, Baca Co (C&MS).
Say's Phoebe - nesting 5/11 Longmont (IB); pair raised 2 broods in same nest on porch, residential area south of Denver Federal Center, Jefferson Co., June-August (DT).
Western Wood Pewee - pair with 2 young 7/28 Platteville (ML).
Violet-green Swallow - several 6/16 on PLAINS at Nunn (P&JW).
Blue Jay - frequent in NW Denver through summer, probably nested (nest found 1961)(DT)
Dipper - adult being fed on nest by mate, both singing, 5/22,23 Indian Meadows, Larimer Co (L&CB).
Long-billed Marsh Wren - heard 6/3, probably breeding, Latham Resv., LaSalle (Club).
Brown Thrasher - pair through June, probably nesting, Golden (GS).
Robin - young on wing 5/29 Longmont (IB); 1 pair of 5 at Platteville of Eastern race (white tips, outer tail feathers)(ML).
Starling - 2 or more pairs nesting in cavities in rock cliffs, Red Rocks Park (first season observed)(DT).
Warbling Vireo - 1 pair throughout summer, Platteville (ML).
Solitary Vireo - pair nesting 5/12, on nest 5/19, abandoned 6/3 after hailstorm, Boulder (PJ).

Red-eyed Vireo - male singing at intervals through June, apparently unmated and wandering, NW Denver (DT).
Red-winged Blackbird - many fewer than in previous summers, Platteville (ML).
Orchard Oriole - 1 5/26 Sterling (RA); adult male 6/2 FRANKTOWN (NH,LW); ad. male 6/10 Ft. Morgan (Club).
Baltimore Oriole - 1 6/10 singing Ft. Morgan (Club).
Western Tanager - pair 6/9, unusually low elevation, Morrison (P&JW).
Indigo Bunting - 1 6/3,20,30, probably nesting, Golden (GS).
Dickcissel - reports of 1-2, 6/15-7/1, Longmont (IB), Weldona (HR), Hudson (ML) and Littleton (P&JW).
Evening Grosbeak - (See Mrs. Collister's account following.)
Lesser Goldfinch - female feeding 3-4 young 9/3 Denver (L&CB).
Cassin's Sparrow - 6/15 Nunn (IB); (See Weldona Notes).
McCown's Longspur - 6/15,16 Nunn (IB,P&JW).
Chestnut-collared Longspur - 6/15,16 Nunn (IB, P&JW).

The following summer occurrences are of species not known to breed in our area, or in the localities reported, and are presumably non-breeding stragglers or extremely late spring or early fall migrants:
Solitary Sandpiper - 1 7/19 Longmont (IB).
Baird's Sandpiper - 1 7/19 Longmont (IB).
BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD - the male mentioned in the spring report was seen at the home of Mrs. T. L. Adams at Ivywild, Colorado Springs, through 7/25 (MS).
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - 1 7/1 Golden (GS).
Common Bushtit - 20-25 7/8 Turkey Creek, near Soda Lakes, Morrison (P&JW).
Swainson's Thrush - 2 6/17 Cheyenne, Wyo. (P&JW).
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - pair, male singing, 6/12, in ponderosa pine, Enchanted Mesa, Boulder (LH,VB).
CARDINAL - 1 about 6/1, Fountain (reported to MS).
PURPLE FINCH - 2 males, 1 female feeding at syrup put out for hummingbirds during June, Allenspark, Boulder Co. Identification not positive, but birds definitely different from Cassin's Finch (AC).

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EVIDENCE OF EVENING GROSBEAK NESTING IN COLORADO

by Allegra Collister

On August 3, 1962, I received word from Dennis Carter of the possibility of Evening Grosbeaks nesting near the home of Alvin Voight in Boulder, Colorado. I visited the yard that afternoon and saw what appeared to be two adult grosbeaks on the light wire, but no young ones. The following day Mr. Voight told me he had seen three young grosbeaks in his yard on July 28. At that time they were unable to fly any great distance and were being fed by the parent birds. He had not seen the grosbeaks for several days, but with his permission a 2-cell automatic banding trap was installed, fastened open to serve as a feeder and baited with sunflower seeds and peanut hearts.

On August 9 Mr. Voight operated the trap and caught a grosbeak, which I banded. He trapped two more on August 11, which I also banded. The birds showed no fear of trap or people, and bird No. 1 entered the trap five times. All three were immature birds and were very passive in the hand (in contrast to the usual behavior of adult grosbeaks). If they were the young birds seen in the yard on July 28 they must have been approximately five to six weeks old at the time of banding. Nearly full-grown, the two females measured 7.375 and 7.0 inches in length, the male 7.25 inches. The plumage was not the worn summer plumage of adults but was sharply edged and unfrayed. Some of the dorsal and pectoral feathers had not completely emerged from the quills. Sex was easily determinable since the plumage of the young birds followed essentially the same pattern as that of adults. The bills of all three immature birds were dark horn color, slightly lighter at base.

Both Mr. Voight and I searched the conifers in his yard but were unable to find a nest. Certainly the young birds he saw on July 28 could not have traveled far, and it seems reasonable to assume that they were brooded and reared in the immediate vicinity.

Two Evening Grosbeaks visited my feeder in Longmont on August 12. These were both males, one adult and one immature. The latter was being fed by the adult male until, its appetite apparently satisfied, it flew up into a tree. The older bird continued to feed on sunflower and melon seeds. I thus had an excellent opportunity to compare two grosbeaks of the same sex, one adult and one immature, noting particularly the difference in bill coloration (adult, pale green).

A third instance of young Evening Grosbeaks being fed by adults was reported to me by A. H. McKeirnan of Longmont who has had a flock of up to 50 grosbeaks in his yard this summer. In late July he saw several young birds with tufts of down visible through the feathers of head, and also remarked on the difference in bill color. He brought me an immature female with a broken wing which did not live.

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WELDONA NOTES - SUMMER 1962

by Howard Rollin

June 30 - The weather here has been pleasant and we have missed the devastating hails and floods that have hit other parts of the county. Rainfall was above normal, but as all was gentle it did not impair the nesting of birds here. All species have nested successfully and numerous young are appearing at this time. The most interesting occurrences were the "invasion" of the Dickcissels and the considerable numbers of Cassin's Sparrow.

July 31 - The pleasant weather continued through July, with no severe storms here, but hail and floods in the surrounding area. Successful nesting has continued and there are many young.

August 31 - This month was mostly very hot and dry, with continued successful breeding and production of many young by most species.

The following summarize observations for the three months (Jn-June, Jy-July, A-August, all-all 3 months):
Red-tailed Hawk - 1, June; 1 7/4.
Swainson's Hawk - a few occurrences (all).
Golden Eagle - occasional (all).
Marsh Hawk - very few (all).
Sparrow Hawk - very few, Jn; increasing, Jy; most numerous hawk, A.
Ring-necked Pheasant - fairly common (all).
Killdeer - scarce, even along creek (all).
Mourning Dove - scarce, none nesting here (Jn); 1 pair nesting at buildings (Jy); two nestings failed (A).
Great Horned Owl - scarce (Jn,Jy); fairly common (A).
Common Nighthawk - fairly common (all).
Eastern Kingbird - scarce (Jn,Jy); common 8/10 to rare by 8/31.
Western Kingbird - one pair nested and raised young (Jn); common (Jy,A).
Say's Phoebe - pair nesting in canyon, another under eaves of house raised 5 young (Jn); second successful nesting under eaves, 5 young (Jy); common (A).
Empidonax (Traills' ?) - 1 8/9-26.
Western Wood Pewee - 1 6/23, 1 8/24.
Horned Lark - common, many young.
Rough-winged Swallow - nesting (Jn); common, all months to 8/20.

Barn Swallow - 2 6/7 first of year; 12 7/28.
Black-billed Magpie - common (all); numerous young (Jy).
Rock Wren - common; few young (Jy,A).
Mockingbird - very common, nesting in canyong and about buildings (Jn); one nest 7/31; feeding young on wing 8/31.
Brown Thrasher - one male present (Jn); 2 or 3 (Jy); common, numerous young (A).
Sage Thrasher - first of fall, 2 8/23, remaining.
Robin - 1 7/6-28.
Loggerhead Shrike - one pair nested here, 6 young on wing (Jn); more common (Jy,A), many young.
Starling - very occasional.
Red-eyed(?) Vireo - 1 8/9.
Wilson's Warbler - occasional A, first 1 8/23.
House Sparrow - very occasional.
Western Meadowlark - very common, many young.
Yellow-headed Blackbird - first of fall, 1 8/22.
Orchard Oriole - 2 6/7.
Bullock's Oriole - common all summer; young about 7/28.
Common Grackle - 1 7/15.
Brown-headed Cowbird - common (Jn,Jy); 1 young fed by Lark Sparrow, 7/20; flock 12 7/20; very few (A).
Blue Grosbeak - common all summer, but no nest or young seen.
Dickcissel - common in area; three singing males in field near house, probably nesting (Jn); still singing 7/23; singing about 12 places until mid-August; young seen (A); none present by 8/31.
House Finch - 1 8/4.
Lark Bunting - many young; starting to bunch 6/30; large flocks by 7/31, to 8/10; small flocks by 8/31.
Grasshopper Sparrow - scarce (Jn,Jy).
Lark Sparrow - common, few young (Jn); many young (Jy,A); very few by 8/31.
Cassin's Sparrow - became common throughout area about 6/10; a few young by 6/30; common, many young (Jy,A); few present 8/31.
Chipping Sparrow - first of fall, 1 8/10-23; scarce.
Clay-colored Sparrow - first, 1 8/31.
Brewer's Sparrow - common (all); many young by 6/30.

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ATTENTION---

The Colorado Bird Club is sponsoring the first Colorado-Wyoming Ornithological Convention, May 25 and 26, 1963. From such a meeting may develop a statewide or bi-state organization.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, followed by presentation of scientific papers, business meeting and a banquet. Saturday morning and Sunday will be devoted to field trips.

Any one wishing to present a paper please contact Alice Rudolph, 865 Grant St., Denver 3, Colo., before April 15. A pre-registration form will be included in the next Club Notes, to be completed and returned to us.

Lois Webster, Convention Chairman

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EXTRA---

Since this is the first endeavor of this sort in the Colorado-Wyoming area, we are hoping the convention will be successful enough to encourage its repetition annually. to do this, we need the cooperation of each and every member.

THE SPRAGUE'S PIPIT IN COLORADO

While the Sprague's Pipit has scarcely been considered as belonging on the Colorado state list, there have been several recent reports of this species in eastern Colorado. There are, apperently, no state specimens. On March 20, 1949, a pipit with "heavily striped back and meager breast markings" was seen by O. A. Knorr at Johnson Reservoir, at Colorado Springs, and recorded, apparently with some misgivings, as this species. In July and August, 1961, two single birds of this species were seen well at the Experimental Range at Nunn two weeks and four miles apart, by Harold Holt and others, including for the first one Peter Peterson, of Davenport, Iowa, who is quite familiar with the bird in its regular range. There were two reports for the 1962 Spring Count , May 19, of two seen well at the above-mentioned Johnson's Reservoir and of one near Boulder. Several birds with a flock of Water Pipits seen at Rollins Pass (Corona) August 15, 1962, had "yellow legs and more obviously streaked backs" and were considered possible Sprague's Pipits.

The Sprague's Pipit breeds as far west as western Montana, east of the Rockies, and as near to Colorado as northern South Dakota. Wintering in central Texas, and thence southward and eastward, and having been recorded as far west as Laramie, Wyoming, in both spring and fall migrations, it must certainly migrate through extreme eastern Colorado in some numbers. There it should most likely be found during the latter part of April and in September-October.

In coloration, the Sprague's Pipit differs from the Water Pipit mainly in having the back and especially the head more plainly streaked with light and dark brown, and the breast much more finely streaked. With its white outer tail feathers, conspicuously streaked back and head, and finely streaked breast, it most resembles the Vesper Sparrow, from which it differs mainly in having a much longer and slender rather than conical bill, and in walking like a lark instead of hopping. It differs from the sparrows also in constantly wagging its tail. The legs are pale yellowish, while those of the Water Pipit are brown or blackish; young Water Pipits (summer and fall), however, have similar yellowish legs.

Dry short-grass plains are the habitat of the Sprague's Pipit, while the Water Pipit, as its name implies, prefers wetter places -- the Arctic and the Alpine tundras and, on the Plains in migration, the vicinity of streams and reservoirs. The Sprague's Pipit, according to a quote in Bent's "Life Histories", "rarely, if ever, alights except on the ground", in this respect differing from the Vesper and other sparrows. (Another of Bent's quotes mentions a Sprague's Pipit singing "from the top of a small telephone pole".)

This note is intended both to alert birders to watch for this species on the plains and to caution against misidentifying as Sprague's Pipits young, yellow-legged Water Pipits, especially if seen in the mountains, or similarly-colored species such as the Vesper Sparrow.

--- D.M.T.

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FEBRUARY MEETING --- Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 8:00 p.m., in the Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History (use north door through basement).

Mr. Richard Pillmore and Mr. Lowell McEwen, biologists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will talk on the effect of pesticides on birds.

FIELD TRIPS - MARCH and APRIL, 1963

March

2 Sat. 8:00 a.m. South of Castlewood Dam. Meet SW corner Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Lois Webster, leader. Bring lunch.

3 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Bowmar, 4845 Redwood Drive. Edwin Mckee, leader. ½-day.

9 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Barr Lake. Meet Natural History Museum. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.

10 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Red Rocks Park. Meet Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore, SE corner) Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day.

16 Sat. 10:00 a.m. Bear Creek area. Meet Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore) Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch.

17 Sun. 7:30 a.m. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Meet Nat. Hist. Museum. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day.

23 Sat. 9:00 a.m. Denver Mountain Parks. Meet Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore). Lynn Willcockson, leader. Bring lunch.

24 Sun. Boulder. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Cherry Creek Shopping Center (SW cor.) or 9:00 a.m. at Boulder Municipal Parking Lot. Nancy Hurley & Elsa Burrows, leaders. Bring lunch.

30 Sat. 7:30 a.m. Sedalia. Meet SW cor. Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Thompson Marsh, leader. Bring lunch.

31 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Cherry Creek area. Meet Cherry Creek Shopping Center, SW cor. Charles & Mildred Snyder, leaders. ½-day.

April

6 Sat. 7:30 a.m. Waterton area. Meet Alameda & Acoma. Ferd Kleinschnitz, leader. Bring lunch.

7 Sun. 7:30 a.m. Longmont. Meet SW cor Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Lois Webster, leader. Bring Lunch.

13 Sat. 7:30 a.m. Barr Lake. Meet Nat. Hist. Museum. P. Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.

14 Sun. EASTER

20 Sat. 10:00 a.m. Bear Creek area. Meet Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore). Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch.

21 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Meet Nat.Hist. Museum. M.L. Rosegay, leader. ½-day.

27 Sat. 7:30 a.m. Platteville. Meet Nat. Hist. Museum. Thompson Marsh, leader. Bring lunch.

28 Sun. 8:00 a.m. South & east of Denver. Meet Cherry Creek Shopping Center (SW cor.). Nancy Hurley, leader. Bring lunch.

COLORADO BIRD NOTES

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COLORADO CHRISTMAS COUNT SUMMARY, 1962

by Harold R. Holt

This year's Christmas Count in Colorado shows a total of 120 species for nine areas. All counts were made between December 20 and 30, 1962. The weather was mild and pleasant until December 20, after which it changed for cold and snow.

Four species were found for the first time on any Count reported by us in the last thirteen years: Surf Scoter, at Denver; Harlan's Hawk, at Longmont and Denver; White-necked Raven, at Colorado Springs; and Orange-crowned Warbler, at Durango. These bring the total number of species for Colorado Christmas Counts (since and including 1950) to 172.

Species other than the four above-mentioned new to local Count areas are:
- Weldona-Fort Morgan - Common Goldeneye, White-breasted Nuthatch, Long-billed Marsh Wren and Song Sparrow, for total of 71 in six years.
- Fort Collins - Pied-billed Grebe, Snow Goose, Fox Sparrow and Swamp Sparrow, for 98 total in nine years.
- Longmont - Whistling Swan, Cinnamon Teal, Peregrine Falcon and Ruby-crowned Kinglet, for 110 total in 11 years.
- Boulder - Brown Thrasher, for 117 total, 10 years.
- Denver - Green-tailed Towhee and the scoter and hawk, for 135 total, 13 years.
- Colorado Springs - the raven, for 121 total, 11 years.
- Rocky Mountain National Park - Ring-billed Gull, Belted Kingfisher and Starling, for 53 total, 8 years.
- Idaho Springs - Mockingbird and Song Sparrow, for 55 total, 12 years.
- Durango - Mourning Dove and the warbler, for 75 total, 10 years.

In all these counts it is interesting to note the complete absence of the Clark's Nutcracker. This is most unusual, as that species normally is common in several of the reported areas.

On the following pages are tabulations of the nine counts reported to us. Species underlined are new to the Count, and numbers underlined are for species new to particular areas.

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MAY FIELD TRIPS

Sat. 4th	Sedalia. Ruth & Ted Dement, leaders. Meet 7:30 a.m. SW corner Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Bring lunch.
Sun. 5th	Bow Mar. Nancy Hurley, leader. 8:00 a.m. SE corner Colfax & Sheridan behind drug store. ½-day.
Sat. 11th	Barr Lake. Philip Alexander, leader. 7:30 a.m. north parking lot, Museum Natural History. Bring lunch.
Sun. 12th	Red Rocks. Donald Thatcher, leader. 7:00 a.m. SE cor. Colfax & Sheridan, behind drug store. ½-day.
Sat. 18th	Spring Count. Call Harold Holt (424-9169) for details, etc.
Sun. 19th	No trip.
Sat., Sun. 25,26	Colorado-Wyoming Meeting (See page 5)

Species	Wel	FC	Lmt	B	D	CS	RM	IS	Dur
Pied-billed Grebe		2		4					
Great Blue Heron	3	4	12		1	2			
Whistling Swan			1						
Canada Goose		857	50	46	123				
Snow Goose		2							
Mallard	202	844	18720	17040	270	391	7		
Gadwall		7	4		4	2			
Pintail		31	8	250	67	2			
Green-winged Teal	3	43	168	5	1	15			
Cinnamon Teal			2						
American Widgeon		34	9	99	88	43			
Shoveler		12	16	4	40				
Redhead			9		20	3			
Ring-necked Duck				22	87				
Canvasback				4	8				
Common Goldeneye	6	20	10	40	60		53		41
Barrow's Goldeneye							1		
Bufflehead			8		10				
Surf Scoter					1				
Ruddy Duck					20				
Hooded Merganser					1				
Common Merganser	3	9		4	200		3		29
Goshawk						1		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1		1			
Cooper's Hawk					1	3			
Red-tailed Hawk	5	6	12	6	6	7	1	1	5
Harlan's Hawk			1		1				
Swainson's Hawk		1				1			
Rough-legged Hawk	10	6	11	3	1	4			
Golden Eagle	5		1		3	2			
Bald Eagle		1				1			1
Marsh Hawk	19	19	5	2	2	3			2
Prairie Falcon	1	1	1	1	2				
Peregrine Falcon			1						
Sparrow Hawk	5	2	6	4	4	7			2
Blue Grouse								1	
Bobwhite	60								
Scaled Quail		30				112			
California Quail		50							
Ring-necked Pheasant	14	204	45	32	52	7			
American Coot			1	24	250		1		
Killdeer	19	17	36	12	26	19			
Common Snipe	20	10	5	1	3	37			2
Herring Gull	1			3	3				
Ring-billed Gull	11	48	8		303		2		
Mourning Dove	11		1	2	2				1
Screech Owl			1		2				
Great Horned Owl	7		2		2	3			
Pygmy Owl								1	
Long-eared Owl				1					
Short-eared Owl		1	1						
Belted Kingfisher	3	5	7		2	3	1		4
Yellow-shafted Flicker						1			
Red-shafted Flicker	38	93	93	39	60	46			2

Species	Wol	FC	Lmt	B	D	CS	RM	IS	Dur
Lewis' Woodpecker		6	3	5		3			
Hairy Woodpecker	3	6	5		4	7	2		
Downy Woodpecker	4	5	14	4	12	15	1	2	
Horned Lark	598	17	80	9	78	55			60
Gray Jay							4	9	
Blue Jay	7	28	21			6			
Steller's Jay		50	106	79	65	650	38	88	2
Scrub Jay			1		15	321			27
Black-billed Magpie	123	162	404	193	472	312	35	46	57
Common Raven						1	18	6	1
White-necked Raven						3			
Common Crow		595	1346	710	126	40		261	34
Pinon Jay						95			40
Black-capped Chickadee	37	47	45	14	137	87	3	11	10
Mountain Chickadee	1	79	76	56	70	56	44	131	19
Plain Titmouse						1			
Common Bushtit						25			
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	3	8	10	5	37	5	9	2
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	1			11			
Pygmy Nuthatch				42	10	47	31		
Brown Creeper	1	9	6	8	5	23	5	1	
Dipper		20	3	3	4	2	10	3	10
Winter Wren					1				
Long-billed Marsh Wren	1								
Canon Wren		1		1	2	1			
Rock Wren						2			
Mockingbird					2			1	
Brown Thrasher			1	1	1				
Robin		21	1	1	2	4	1	5	
Townsend's Solitaire		2	3	4	21	8	4	77	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet				3	2	7	3	2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		1	1			
Cedar Waxwing		8				31			
Northern Shrike	4		2		1	5	2		
Loggerhead Shrike									3
Starling	492	680	1351	458	114	372	3	4	78
Orange-crowned Warbler									1
Myrtle Warbler				1					
House Sparrow	996	867	949	484	158	640	39	86	138
Western Meadowlark	211	91	310	110	515	79			
Red-winged Blackbird	2967	56	2899	360	2679	209			34
Rusty Blackbird	5				1				
Brewer's Blackbird	11	12	99		3				
Evening Grosbeak		99	36	22	42	103		15	
Cassin's Finch			4	13	48	2		1	
House Finch	37	63	206	136	281	261			4
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch							37	2	
Brown-capped Rosy Finch							16	2	
Pine Siskin	155	37	13	25	707	34			
American Goldfinch	63	6	32	11	84	6			1
Lesser Goldfinch						4			
Green-tailed Towhee					1				
Rufous-sided Towhee					6	56			1

Species	Wel	FC	Lmt	B	D	CS	RM	IS	Dur
White-winged Junco	1	1	2		27	24	2	2	
Slate-colored Junco	25	13	13	13	66	134	1	8	6
Oregon Junco	136	107	363	107	495	489	13	25	246
Gray-headed Junco		1	12	9	59	261		7	10
Tree Sparrow	308	76	368	76	119	64	2		
Chipping Sparrow						6			
Harris' Sparrow			1		4				
White-crowned Sparrow	141	73	59	13	57	24			4
White-throated Sparrow					1	3			
Swamp Sparrow	2	1							
Fox Sparrow		1							
Song Sparrow	52	18	13	7	48	32		1	9
Lapland Longspur	4		V E						
Total species	50	64	71	58	80	74	32	30	36
Observers	9	25	15	9	27	38	10	18	5
Parties	4	7	5	4	9	11	3	6	1
Party hours	32	43	42	28	69	78	16½	42	9
Date	12/31	12/29	12/20	12/29	12/22	12/30	12/22	12/29	12/29

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COLORADO - WYOMING MEETING

Plans are progressing for the first annual meeting of the Colorado - Wyoming Field Ornithologists, being sponsored by the Colorado Bird Club, to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, 1963, with headquarters at the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The plans include: field trips both mornings; presentation of papers, Saturday afternoon; banquet, Saturday evening, at Wellshire Inn, 3333 South Colorado Blvd., with a presentation by Dr. A. M. Bailey of his movie on Colorado wildlife; and a compilation picnic Sunday, after the field trips.

An announcement and registration form is being mailed soon to Club members who might be interested in attending.

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OKLAHOMA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We have received a invitation to the Annual Spring Meeting of the OOS, to be held April 26 - 28 at Methodist Canyon Camp (formerly Devil's Canyon), near Hinton (in west-central Oklahoma). Anyone interested in attending can obtain details by calling Donald Thatcher - 455-7479.

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APRIL and MAY MEETINGS, C. B. C.

At the April meeting, Tuesday, the 23rd, there will be a discussion of bird migration by several members.

Annual election of officers at the May meeting, the 28th.

Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History. (Please enter by north, basement door.)

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FALL MIGRATION, 1962

by Donald M. Thatcher

The fall of 1962 was extremely dry and warm, and as a result the bird migration was slow and generally unspectacular. There were, however, the usual quota of casuals and stragglers reported. Following are lists of species in several categories: (1) additions to spring and breeding season reports, (2) stragglers, (3) summer resident species--latest dates, (4) transients--earliest and latest dates, some high counts, (5) winter resident species--earliest dates, (6) resident species.

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Additions to Spring and Breeding Season Reports, 1962

White Pelican - New breeding record, the first for Colorado, at least in recent times. 200-250 adults 5/29 at Riverside Reservoir, near Fort Morgan. 45 flightless young banded 6/2 (RR).

Golden Eagle - did not nest at Experimental Range at Nunn, as in 1961 (ACol).

Scaled Quail - 1 all summer, near headquarters building, Experimental Range, Nunn (ACol).

Mountain Plover - 12 adults, banded 5 fledglings 5/6 and 30 adults, banded 1 fledgling 7/18 Nunn (RR).

Forster's Tern - 3 pair nesting 6/14, 1 young banded 7/4 Fort Collins (RR).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 with food for young 8/12 mouth Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (P&JW).

Short-eared Owl - 1 7/19 Ault, Weld Co (RR).

Common Nighthawk - 15 7/17 (12 caught in mist net; were coming to "feed" on weathered plaster board--for grit or minerals?) Buckhorn Canyon, Larimer Co (AD).

Chimney Swift - 3 6/25, 6 7/15 Fort Collins (DD).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 45 banded 5/12-8/25 Upper Buckhorn Canyon (AD); 1 young 1-week old found on sidewalk by Don Evig 6/29, fed with eye-dropper, lived 10 days, Longmont (ACol).

Belted Kingfisher - 1 8/5 Upper Buckhorn Canyon (8400 feet)(AD).

Lewis' Woodpecker - 3 immatures 8/13 Longmont (ACol).

Bank Swallow and Rough-winged Swallow - mixed colony on St. Vrain River near Longmont diminishing each year as bank crumbles (ACol).

Catbird - two attempts (second year) at nesting unsuccessful, as eggs taken by Common Grackles, Longmont (ACol).

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT - 2 7/31 Experimental Range, Nunn (ACol).

Red-eyed Vireo - 7/29 Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. Red-eyed Vireo and Yellow Warbler feeding young. "Several times when the vireo called its young for food, the young Yellow Warblers would dash over to be fed....The vireo did not feed them." (P&JW).

Blue Grosbeak - 1 pair believed nested at Hogback--Van Bibber Creek, north of Golden (GS).

Purple Finch - dates for 3 at Allenspark, reported with Breeding Season, should be June 20-28.

Stragglers or Accidentals

MOTTLED DUCK - adult male 9/18 near Fort Collins, collected, second Colorado specimen (RR).

European Widgeon - the one reported at City Park, Denver, 5/3 (spring migration report) turns out to be a pinioned bird, imported by the zoo.

Common Bushtit - 2 11/17 Crown Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co (DC,LD).
WOOD THRUSH - 1 10/20-24 seen well Golden (G&MS).
Black-and-white Warbler - 2 10/20 Golden (GS).
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER - 1 found dead in shed, October, Littleton (reported to AMB).
BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER - male, apparently first year as primaries were edged with olive-green, stunned 11/4 by flying against window at home of Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Markley in east Denver. Recovered and was kept in cage until it could be released in more suitable climate, but died in few days, apparently from eating too many large meal worms. (TM).
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - 1 immature found dead approx. 11/3 by Mrs. Calvin Fisher, Greenwood Village, Arapahoe Co (RJN).
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 3 in flock of approx. 12 crossbills seen well and identified as this species (others not identified) 11/24 Crown Hill Cemetery, Jeffco(Club)

Summer Resident Species

Latest fall dates recorded.

Double-crested Cormorant - 7 9/22 Barr Lake (Club).
Common Egret - 1 9/22 Barr Lake (Club).
Snowy Egret - 1 9/29 Bonny Reservoir (LD).
Black-crowned Night Heron - 3 10/27 Barr Lake (Club).
American Bittern - 9/8 CCRA (Club).
White-faced Ibis - 1 9/29 Fort Collins (RR).
Blue-winged Teal - H, 200 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al); 2 10/6 CCRA (Club).
Turkey Vulture - 23 9/16 Fort Collins (5 banded)(RR).
Swainson's Hawk - H 103 in 40-acre field 9/20 Anton, Washington Co (20 black, 10 dark, rest normal)(C&MS); 10/20 Weldona (HR)(late).
Long-billed Curlew - 4 8/31 near CCRA (C&MS).
Spotted Sandpiper - 1 10/13 Denver (HH) (latest previous report 9/16).
American Avocet - 50 10/27 Longmont (IB).
Wilson's Phalarope - 9/20 Longmont (IB).
Forster's Tern - 2 9/16 CCRA (P&JW); 3 9/30 (winter plumage) Bonny Resv. (DC et al).
Black Tern - 2 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Band-tailed Pigeon - 11 9/15 Morrison (Club).
Mourning Dove - 11/6 Golden (GS).
Burrowing Owl - 12 9/16 (several dove at skunk, which did not retaliate)(P&JW), 4 10/6 (Club) CCRA.
Poor-will - 10/29 (late) Golden (GS).
Common Nighthawk - 1 9/17 Denver (TM).
Chimney Swift - 8 9/20 Boulder (DC,ACon).
White-throated Swift - gone by 9/10 Longmont (IB).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 1 9/15 Jefferson Co (Club).
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC et al) and 1 9/30 Weldona (HR).
Lewis' Woodpecker - 1 8/18 (foothills) Evergreen (TM).
Eastern Kingbird - 1 9/4 NE Colorado (ML).
Western Kingbird - 1 9/29 Longmont (IB).
Cassin's Kingbird - 1 9/15 Barr Lake (DC).
Say's Phoebe - 1 10/2 Weldona (HR).
Western Wood Pewee - 1 9/10 "mountains" (IB), 1 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al).
Bank Swallow - 12 9/17 Longmont (IB).
Rough-winged Swallow - 3 9/22 Barr Lake (Club).
Barn Swallow - 2 10/1 Platteville (ML).
Cliff Swallow - 2 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al).
Blue Jay - 10/2 Golden (GS).
House Wren - 10/26 Golden (GS).
Rock Wren - 2 10/11 Kit Carson (DC); 1 10/13 Franktown (Club).
Mockingbird - 1 9/28 Weldona (HR).
Catbird - 1 9/29 Golden (Club).
Brown Thrasher - 10/4 Golden (GS); 1 10/26 Upper Buckhorn Canyon, Larimer Co, 8400 ft (AD).
Sage Thrasher - 10/25 Golden (GS).

Robin - flocking 8/27, still large flocks 9/20, few through 10/19 Longmont (IB); several reports of 1-2 into winter.
Loggerhead Shrike - 9/27 Weldona (HR).
Warbling Vireo - 8/17 Barr Lake (Club).
Solitary Vireo - 1 9/15 Sedalia (Club); 2 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al).
Red-eyed Vireo - 1 9/4 northeast Colorado (ML).
Virginia's Warbler - 9/18 Longmont (IB).
Yellow Warbler - 1 9/22 Barr Lake (Club).
Yellowthroat - 2 9/30 Bonny Reservoir (DC et al).
Yellow-breasted Chat - 1 8/25 Sedalia (Club).
American Redstart - 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC,ACol,LW).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 500 10/1 Platteville (ML); 1 11/18 Derby (Club).
Bullock's Oriole - 1 imm 8/30 Denver (L&CB); 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Common Grackle - thousands in flocks through September, flock 100 10/31 Longmont (IB).
Brown-headed Cowbird - 40 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Western Tanager (mountains) 1 9/10 west of Longmont (IB).
Black-headed Grosbeak - 9/8 CCRA (Club).
Blue Grosbeak - 9/19 Golden (GS).
Lazuli Bunting - 1 9/14 Longmont (IB).
Lark Bunting - in flocks 200-300 by 7/31 Experimental Range, Nunn (ACol); 9/21 Weldona (HR).
Vesper Sparrow - H 47 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al); 10/22 Golden (GS) and 1 10/23 Wildhorse (DC).
Lark Sparrow - 1 imm 10/13 Franktown (Club).
Chipping Sparrow - migration, 2 8/1 to 6 10/25 Platteville (ML); 1 11/17 Jefferson Co (DC,LD).

Transients

Earliest dates, high counts (H) and latest dates. Includes species resident in this region, but considered transients in localities reported.
Common Loon - 2 9/16 Loveland (IB), 1 9/20 Bonny Resv (C&MS); H, 4 11/4 Marston Lake (Club); 2 12/1 CCRA, Arapahoe Co (Club).
Red-necked Grebe - 2 8/11 Lafayette (VB).
Horned Grebe - 1 10/22 Longmont (IB); 1 12/2 Bow Mar (Club).
Eared Grebe - 1 9/20 Longmont (IB); H, 25 9/22 Barr Lake (Club); 1 12/1 CCRA (Club).
Pied-billed Grebe - 1 10/13 Echo Lake (10,500 ft.)(DC,LD).
White Pelican - 1 10/25 Monte Vista Refuge, 14 11/3 Nee Skah Resv, Kiowa Co(C&MS).
Green Heron - 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al); 1 10/11 Fort Collins (JC).
White-fronted Goose - 2 12/13 Jefferson Co, near Denver, 2 12/16 Denver City Park both occ. with large flocks Canada Goose (TM).
American Widgeon - flock 125 9/20 Longmont (IB); H, 2050 11/3 CCRA (Club); 6 12/15 Jefferson Co (Club).
Lesser Scaup - 4 10/6, H 25 12/1 CCRA (Club); 1 12/15 Jefferson Co (Club).
Hooded Merganser - 2 11/17 Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co (TM).
Osprey - 1 9/6-9 CCRA (C&MS).
Peregrine Falcon - 1 8/28 near Hahn's Peak, Routt Co (R&NG); 1 11/22 at 8000 feet, near Golden (HH).
Sparrow Hawk - 12 in one mile 9/14 Longmont (IB).
Sandhill Crane - 20 9/9 Fort Collins (RR); H, 600 10/21 Lincoln Co (DC,VH); total of 468 in four days 10/16-22 Kit Carson (DC); 28 10/24 Lincoln Co (VH); none in Platteville area, where usually seen in numbers by several observers (ML).
American Coot - H 920 11/3 and 1040 12/1 CCRA (Club).
Semipalmated Plover - 4 9/7 Longmont (IB); H, 15 9/9 CCRA (C&MS); 3 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Killdeer - H, 200 9/18 Longmont (IB) and 150 9/26 Platteville (ML).
Black-bellied Plover - 1 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al); 1 10/27 Longmont (IB).
RUDDY TURNSTONE - 1 9/6-9 CCRA (C&MS et al).
Solitary Sandpiper - 9/16 SW Denver (P&JW).
Willet - 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Greater Yellowlegs - 8/17 Barr Lake (Club); 4 10/6 Longmont (IB).
Lesser Yellowlegs - 5 8/16 Platteville (ML); H 25 9/22 Barr L (Club); 2 10/30 Fort Collins (RR).

KNOT - 5 8/17 Barr Lake (Club); 4 (1 collected, 2nd Colorado specimen) 9/5 Fort Collins (RR). One previous record at Barr Lake, 9/6/41; first Colorado specimen at Longmont 5/18/53 (ACol). While the 8/17 sight record is open to question, it is as likely as the proved record of 9/5.
Pectoral Sandpiper - Many 8/24 Longmont (IB); 1 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Baird's Sandpiper - 4 8/21 Platteville (ML); H, 100 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al) and 100 9/18 Longmont (IB); 8 10/27 Longmont (IB).
Least Sandpiper - hundreds 9/3-20 (30 banded) Fort Collins (RR); 15 10/28 Mile High (MLR).
Long-billed Dowitcher - F & H, 104 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al); 30 10/19 Longmont (IB).
Stilt Sandpiper - 5 9/15 (DC et al), 6 9/22 (Club) Barr Lake.
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 50 9/3-20 (7 banded) Fort Collins (RR).
Western Sandpiper - hundreds 9/3-20 (13 banded) Fort Collins (RR); 1 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER - 2 9/8-9 CCRA (C&MS et al).
Sanderling - 8/31 Longmont (IB); H, 11 9/16 CCRA (TM); 6 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC et al)
Northern Phalarope - 20 9/15 Barr Lake (DC et al); 1 9/18 Longmont (IB).
California Gull - 10 9/3 (5 banded by 10/30), 2 or 3 11/11 Fort Collins (RR).
Franklin's Gull - 8/17 (late) Barr Lake (Club); H 2000 9/15 Barr Lake, 2000 9/29,30 Bonny Resv (DC et al); 6 11/16 Denver (Club).
Common Tern - 3 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Rufous Hummingbird - 1 7/12 (6 banded July & August) Buckhorn Canyon, Larimer Co (AD); 9/7 Longmont (IB).
CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD - 2 7/9 caught in mist net, 1 female as late as 8/18 Buckhorn Canyon (AD).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 9/12 Weldona (HR).
Eastern Phoebe - 2 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Pinon Jay - 10/29 Golden (only occurrence there--GS); heard 11/10 S of Denver (Club).
Swainson's Thrush - 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
EASTERN BLUEBIRD - male 11/1 Wildhorse, Cheyenne Co (DC,VH); male 11/29 Cranmer Park DENVER (TM).
Mountain Bluebird - 35 (2 flocks) 10/10-11 Poudre Canyon (L&CB); 4 10/15 Wildhorse (DC,VH); 10/26 Weldona (HR).
Water Pipit - 3 9/8 CCRA (Club); 100 11/13 Platteville (ML).
Tennessee Warbler - 1 9/25, 10/2 Golden (GS).
Orange-crowned Warbler - 6 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
Myrtle Warbler - 1 11/3 CCRA (Club).
Audubon's Warbler - (plains) 1 10/29 Longmont (IB); 2 11/3 CCRA (Club).
Townsend's Warbler - 1 9/23 Littleton (RJN).
Northern Waterthrush - 1 8/13 Boulder (RW); 1 9/19 Weldona (HR). (DC).
Wilson's Warbler - 1 8/15 Platteville (ML), next 9/8 CCRA (Club); 1 10/6 Kit Carson/
Western Tanager - (plains) 1 8/14 Platteville (ML); 2 9/29 Golden (Club) and 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
SUMMER TANAGER - 1 9/29 (orange, with brilliant orange tail) Lyons (IB).
Cassin's Finch - 1 9/8 CCRA (LW)(the only fall report for plains).
Green-tailed Towhee - 2 9/5 Englewood (RA); 1 9/29 Golden (Club).
Rufous-sided Towhee - 1 9/22 Barr Lake (Club); last, 10/26 Golden (GS). (DC).
Savannah Sparrow - migration, 20 8/23 to 5 9/2 Platteville (ML); 1 10/20 Kit Carson/
Clay-colored Sparrow - 50 9/21, to (L) 9/30 Platteville (ML); 10/26 Weldona (HR).
Brewer's Sparrow - 9/8 CCRA (Club); 10/19 Golden (GS).
Field Sparrow - 15 9/29 (ACol et al); 1 10/17 Wildhorse (DC,VH).
Lincoln's Sparrow - 2 9/29 Platteville (ML); 3-4 9/29-30 Bonny Resv (DC et al); 10/26 Golden (GS).

Winter Resident Species

Earliest fall dates recorded, also high counts (H) for a few species.

Snow Goose - 1 imm. 11/3 CCRA (Club).
Gadwall - 40 9/20 Longmont (IB); H, 820 12/1 CCRA (Club).
Pintail - 100 9/22 Barr L (Club).
Green-winged Teal - 13 10/27 Barr L (Club).
Shoveler - 400 9/15 Barr L (DC et al)(also high count).

Wood Duck - 1 male, 2 females 11/4 Bow Mar (Club).
Redhead - 9/29 Longmont (IB).
Ring-necked Duck - 6 10/13 Denver (DC,LD); H 20 12/15 Jefferson Co (Club).
Canvasback - 25 10/22 Longmont (IB).
Common Goldeneye - 2 11/2 Adobe Resv, Bent Co (C&MS).
Bufflehead - 3 10/16 Longmont (IB); H 72 12/1 CCRA(Club).
Ruddy Duck - 40 9/15 Barr L (DC et al); H 200 9/22 Barr L (Club).
Common Merganser - 3 females 11/4 Bow Mar (Club).
Harlan's Hawk - 1 10/8 Kit Carson, Cheyenne Co (DC); 1 11/4 Bow Mar (Club).
Rough-legged Hawk - 2 8/25 Sedalia area (Club)(early).
Bald Eagle - adult in August near Platteville (reported to ML); 1 adult 10/20 near Hot Sulphur Springs, Grand Co (JM).
Pigeon Hawk - 1 10/27 Barr L (Club).
Herring Gull - 10/15 (5 banded by 10/30) Fort Collins (RR).
Ring-billed Gull - 30 9/7 Longmont (IB); H 1000 11/11 (118 banded, including 112 dyed yellow; reports of dyed birds from Wellington to Boulder to Greeley, 11/11) Fort Collins area (RR); 28 11/19 incl. 1 dyed yellow SE Denver (TM).
Short-eared Owl - 1 10/15 and later Kit Carson (DC).
Steller's Jay - (plains) 10/24 Longmont IB; 2 10/27 Fort Collins (RR).
Mountain Chickadee - (plains) 9/1 Longmont (IB); 9/15 Denver (TM).
White-breasted Nuthatch - (plains) 9/3 Denver (DT); 9/29 Longmont (IB).
Red-breasted Nuthatch - (plains) 1 8/5 Denver (DT); 1 9/1 (at feeder) Longmont (IB); 1 9/24 (in windbreak) Lincoln Co (DC,VH); H 14 10/13 Crown Hill Cem JeffCo (DC,LD).
Brown Creeper - (plains) 3 9/26 (seen on 22 days 9/26-11/25) Denver (TM).
Dipper - (plains) 1 8/14 (early) Morrison (C&MS); 1 9/29 Lyons (IB); 1 11/12 Cherry Creek at Lincoln Street, center of Denver (TM).
Long-billed Marsh Wren - 1 11/24 Golden (Club).
Townsend's Solitaire - 2 10/13 Franktown (Club).
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1 11/11 Golden (GS).
Bohemian Waxwing - 20 11/20 east Denver (TM) (only report).
Cedar Waxwing - 9 9/26-10/4 Fort Collins (RR); 1 11/13 Denver (TM).
Northern Shrike - 1 9/29 Longmont (IB).
Red-winged Blackbird - first of fall 200 (all males) 9/24 Platteville (ML).
Evening Grosbeak - 8 8/5 Denver (DT); 12 8/16 Evergreen (TM).
Pine Siskin - (plains) 9/8 CCRA (Club); numerous reports through fall months, east to Kit Carson and Kiowa Co.
Red Crossbill - 15 12/1 Denver (DT).
White-winged Junco - (plains) 1 10/21 Chivington, Kiowa Co (DC,VH); (mountains) 1 10/27 Upper Buckhorn Canyon (AD).
Slate-colored Junco - 1 10/12 Fort Collins (RR).
Oregon Junco - 1 mearnsi 9/9 Upper Buckhorn Canyon, 8400 ft (AD); 6 (subsp.?) 9/22 Barr L (Club).
Tree Sparrow - 1 10/20 CCRA (TM).
Harris' Sparrow - 2 imm. 10/23 Weldona (HR); 1 10/25-26 Golden (GS,DT).
White-crowned Sparrow - 2 9/15 Barr L (DC,LD).
White-throated Sparrow - 1 9/30 Bonny Resv (DC).
Lapland Longspur - 10/2 Weldona (HR); 4000 plus in flocks 11/30 north of Yuma (ML).

Resident Species

Greater Prairie Chicken - 1 9/29 Bonny Resv (DC et al).
SPOTTED OWL - 1 8/17 Upper Buckhorn Canyon, Larimer Co, 8400 feet (AD).
YELLOW-SHAFTED FLICKER - (no details) 10/7 Daniels Park (NH); hybrid male, with red on nape and red malar stripes 11/28 SE Denver (TM).
Ladder-backed Woodpecker - 9/1 Two Buttes Resv, Baca Co (P&JW); 11/2 Las Animas(C&MS).
White-necked Raven - 1 with magpies 9/10 through November, Aurora (MLR); 2 11/10 between Denver and Palmer Lake (Club).
Pine Grosbeak - 8 9/16 near timberline above Eldora (DC).

WELDONA NOTES

by Howard Rollin

September 30, 1962 - August's dry, hot weather continued into September, and returned after the cold and frost of the 9th and 10th. Only traces of moisture were recorded. The fine weather and ample food held many birds longer and in larger numbers than usual. However, many left on the 30th and hardly a bird of any kind can now be seen. Last year the Sandhill Crane rushed through in a few days in late September, but none has been seen this year. The McCown's Longspur also hurried through in 1961, but this year's migration has been quite leisurely and the Lapland Longspur has not yet appeared.

October 31 - October continued warm, dry and pleasant, but most bird life was very skimpy and at times nearly all species were absent.

November 30 - This month there is very little to report of bird activity. The pleasant fall weather continued, with 4 or 5 inches of very wet snow a few days before Thanksgiving the only moisture.

December 31 - December was even more quiet than November. The Horned Lark and the Tree Sparrow are the only common species at present.

The following data summarize the four months (S-September, O-October, N-November, D-December):
Great Blue Heron - 1 9/1.
Red-tailed Hawk - 1 9/1.
Swainson's Hawk - few S; last 10/20.
Rough-legged Hawk - first 11/9; scarce.
Golden Eagle - 3 11/1; occasional O,N,D.
Marsh Hawk - occasional S, O, N.
Sparrow Hawk - occasional S,O.
Marsh and Sparrow Hawks most frequent of hawks S, O.
Ring-necked Pheasant - few S; rare O,N.
Sandhill Crane - first, 100 10/13, 18 last 10/20 (total 3-400).
Killdeer - 1 9/26-27, first since 8/1.
Franklin's Gull - 200 10/8, only occurrence at ranch; many farther south.
Mourning Dove - few present through S.
Great Horned Owl - fair number S, occasional O,N,D.
Common Nighthawk - last, 1 9/4.
Red-shafted Flicker - migrant, 1 9/16,26,27; 1 11/20.
Red-headed Woodpecker - migrant, 1 9/24-30.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Red-naped) - 1 9/12.
Hairy Woodpecker - 1 10/29.
Downy Woodpecker - 1 9/18-26, 10/30.
(Last three species rare here.)
Western Kingbird - last 9/22.
Say's Phoebe - present through S; last, 1 10/2,
Traill's Flycatcher - 1 9/6-8.
Western Wood Pewee - 1 9/12.
Horned Lark - very numerous S, common O-D.
Barn Swallow - occasional; last 9/28.
Blue Jay - occasional S.
Steller's Jay - 1 10/22; rare
Black-billed Magpie - common S-N.
Pinon Jay - first of fall, 1 9/22; 2 9/23-24, 10 10/7, few 10/16.
Rock Wren - small number through S.
Mockingbird - very common through S, until last 1 9/28.
Brown Thrasher - last 9/19.
Sage Thrasher - last 9/19.

Robin - 1 9/12, 10/6.
Mountain Bluebird - 1 9/23-26, common until 10/26.
Townsend's Solitaire - first 1 11/7, remained 3 weeks (unusual so late or so long).
Northern Shrike - first 10/21; occasional N, early D, 1 12/31.
Loggerhead Shrike - last 9/27.
Starling - occasional few, S.
Audubon's Warbler - migrant, first 1 9/23-27; 6 10/9.
Northern Waterthrush - migrant, 1 9/19.
Wilson's Warbler - present 8/23, through S to 2 10/4.
House Sparrow - occasional few S-N.
Western Meadowlark - very numerous S, to very few through N, all gone by late D; more to south.
Yellow-headed Blackbird - small number occasional 8/22 to 9/9.
Red-winged Blackbird - occasional S, O; 10 11/12.
Brewer's Blackbird - a few through S, O.
Brown-headed Cowbird - last 1 9/1.
Western Tanager- migrant, 1 9/17.
House Finch - occasional few S.
Pine Siskin - 2 10/12.
American Goldfinch - occasional few S, O, N, 15 12/31.
Lark Bunting - last 9/21; remained late in large numbers.
Vesper Sparrow - first of fall 1 9/4-6, common 9/21, last 10/13.
Lark Sparrow - last 9/18; late in numbers.
Cassin's Sparrow - last 9/5.
White-winged Junco - 2 11/4, occasional later, N.
Slate-colored Junco - first 2 10/20-31; 2 11/18-25.
Oregon Junco - first 1 9/14-15; few through O; 1 or 2 first part N (All juncos fewer than usual.)
Tree Sparrow - first 10/23, then numerous through D.
Chipping Sparrow - last 9/21.
Clay-colored Sparrow - 9/21; next and last, 10/26.
Brewer's Sparrow - last 9/10.
Harris' Sparrow - 2 immatures 10/23 (rare).
White-crowned Sparrow - first 5 9/22-26, last 10/23.
McCown's Longspur - first 3 or 4 9/6, common 9/26, present 9/30.
Lapland Longspur - first 10/2, fairly common through O, fewer N, D, with flocks of Horned Lark.

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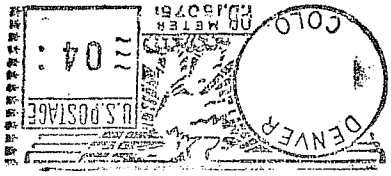

COLORADO BIRD CLUB

Field Trips - January & February, 1963

January

5 Sat. 7:30 a.m. Meet Acoma & Alameda. To Waterton area. Ferd Kleinschnitz, leader. Bring lunch.

6 Sun. 1:00 p.m. Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore, SE corner). To Bowles and Marston Lakes. Nancy Hurley, leader.

12 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Natural History Museum parking lot. To Barr Lake. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.

13 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Colfax & Sheridan (behind drugstore). To Red Rocks and Genesee Mountain Parks. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day.

19 Sat. 10:00 a.m. Meet as Jan. 13. To Bear Creek area. Sadie Morrison, leader. Bring lunch.

20 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Museum parking lot. To Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day.

26 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Cherry Creek Shopping Center (SW corner). To Sedalia area. Ruth & Ted Dement, leaders. Bring lunch.

27 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Meet as Jan. 26. To Cherry Creek Dam. Charles & Mildred Snyder, leaders. ½-day.

February

2 Sat. 7:30 a.m. Museum parking lot. To Fort Collins. At Ft. Collins, meet at 9:30 at Safeway parking lot, College Ave. & Mulberry St. Thompson Marsh and Ronald Ryder, leaders. Bring lunch.

3 Sun. Same as Jan. 6.

9 Sat. Same as Jan. 12.

10 Sun. Same as Jan. 13.

16 Sat. Same as Jan. 19.

17 Sun. Same as Jan. 20.

23 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Colfax & Sheridan. To Golden area. George Shier, leader. Bring lunch.

24 Sun. 7:30 a.m. Museum parking lot. To Palmer Lake area. Lois Webster, leader. Bring lunch.

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Regular meetings, Jan. 22 and Feb. 26, Tuesdays, Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History, at 8:00 p.m.

COLORADO BIRD NOTES

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WINTER SEASON, 1962-1963

by Donald M. Thatcher

Ornithologically, the 1962-63 winter was most notable for the general scarcity of birdlife. But few individuals of the species so conspicuous the preceding winter of 1961-62 were seen on the plains, especially Bohemian Waxwing, Evening Grosbeak andCassin's Finch. Very noticeable was the complete absence in Colorado of the Clark's Nutcracker, generally the most conspicuous winter bird in the mountains.

February 5 and 7, warm, sunny days, I spent approximately two hours each day in the ponderosa pine forest above Evergreen and found only seven species of birds each day (a total of ten for the two days), with daily totals of only 18 and 26 individuals. Most abundant species was the Starling, with the Magpie second, both attracted by a garbage pit. Other species were Red-tailed Hawk, Common Raven, Steller's Jay, Black-capped and Mountain Chickadees, Pygmy Nuthatch, Brown Creeper and Northern Shrike. There were no juncos or other Fringillids.

In addition to the winter reports, below are several additions to the 1962 spring and fall seasonal reports unintentionally omitted previously.

Observers: Henry Allsebrook, Mrs. Ona Anderson, Mrs. Inez Baker, Mrs. Ruth Baysdorfer, Jerome Besser, Lawrence and Catherine Bonner, Dennis Carter, LaDean Case, Mrs. Allegra Collister, Ann Condit, Lawrence Davis, Ted and Ruth Dement, Mrs. Lucy Ela, Robert and Nancy Gustafson, Nancy Hurley, Mrs. Marjorie Lett, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Oppie Reames, Mrs. Mary L. Rosegay, Alice Rudolph, Ronald Ryder, George and Marie Shier, Gwen Smith, Charles and Mildred Snyder, Warren Snyder, Donald Thatcher, Lois Webster, Parnell and Jean White, Longmont Bird Club (LBC), Colorado Bird Club scheduled trips (Club). (Count--Christmas Count) CCRA--Cherry Creek Recreation Area, southeast of Denver.

Addition to Spring, 1962, Report

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - male 6/8-15 Georgetown (8500 feet) (OA).

Additions or revisions, fall 1962 report

Last dates, summer resident species, all Longmont (all except Red-eyed Vireo by ACol).

Western Grebe - high count 50 11/7, last 1 11/17.
American Avocet - 18 11/17.
Red-eyed Vireo - 1 9/18 (IB).
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 10/16.
Virginia's Warbler - 1 9/21.
Yellow-breasted Chat - 1 9/17.
Black-headed Grosbeak - 1 9/17.
Lazuli Bunting - 1 9/17.

Last dates, transient species, all Longmont (ACol)

Black-bellied Plover - 1 11/15.
Lesser Yellowlegs - 25 10/31.
Pectoral Sandpiper - 5 10/19.
Baird's Sandpiper - 10 10/22.
Ovenbird - 1 9/1.
MacGillivray's Warbler - 2 9/11.

First date, winter residents
Townsend's Solitaire - 1 10/1 plains, Longmont (ACol).

Unusual occurrences
Saw-whet Owl - 1 9/19 Longmont (ACol).
White-winged Crossbill - 3 (male, female, immature) with flock of Red Crossbills 11/25 Crown Hill Cemetery, Jefferson Co. (P&JW).

WINTER REPORTS (H - High Count)

Horned Grebe - 1 2/9 BowMar (P&JW).
Pied-billed Grebe - 2-5 12/1-29 BowMar, CCRA, Boulder, Fort Collins (Club & Count).
Great Blue Heron - numerous reports of 1-12 thru Dec.-March; H, 12 12/20 Longmont area (Count).
Whistling Swan - 1 imm. 12/20 Longmont (Count).
Snow Goose - 1 12/1, 19 CCRA (Club & TM); 1 12/15 Jefferson Co (Club); 2 imm. 12/30 through 3/10 City Park, Denver (TM); 1 2/3 BowMar (Club).
Cinnamon Teal - 2 12/20 Longmont (Count).
Ring-necked Duck - H, 15 1/6 BowMar (Club).
Common Goldeneye - H, 40 1/6 BowMar (Club).
Barrow's Goldeneye - 1 12/22 through 3/ 29 Estes Park (several observers); 3 11/17 Longmont (DC,ACol,Acon); 1 12/24 near Fort Collins (TM); 2 4/15 Weld Co. near Berthoud (ACol).
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - male 12/19,28 CCRA (TM).
SURF SCOTER - 1 12/13,15,22 Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co. (TM, Club, Count).
Ruddy Duck - H, 25 12/1 CCRA (Club); 20 12/22 Jefferson Co. (Count).
Hooded Merganser - 1 or 2 12/22 - 2/9 BowMar, Henry's Lake (Jefferson Co.)(P&JW, Count, Club).
Harlan's Hawk - 1 11/4 - 3/9 BowMar and vicinity (TM, P&JW, Club, Count); 1 11/17,19 Longmont (DC,ACol,ACon); 1 12/20, 1/16 Niwot (ACol); 1 3/24 Boulder (Club).
SWAINSON'S HAWK - 1 12/29 Fort Collins, 1 12/30 Colorado Springs (Count).
HARRIS' HAWK - 1 1/14 seen well near feeder, NW Denver (CB). This is probably the first report for Colorado for this southwestern species, but possibly the bird was an escaped captive. However, Audubon Field Notes reports "a very unusual pattern of distribution" in Texas this winter, with several occurrences north and west of the usual; the Denver bird may well have been another such wanderer. There also are previous records for Iowa and Ohio.
Bald Eagle - reports of approx. 6 east of mountains Nov-Feb; 1 at Durango, 1 Park Co. in mountains; 28 1/4-21 western Colorado (LE).
Pigeon Hawk - 1 11/20, 12/16, 3/1 SE Denver (TM).
Herring Gull - 1 11/15 Longmont (ACol); 2 1/14 Boulder (DC,ACol).
California Gull - 12 1/7 through winter LaSalle (ML).
Ring-billed Gull - 1 of 112 dyed yellow at Fort Collins 12/30, 1/8 City Park, Denver (TM); dyed birds reported as far away as Roswell, New Mexico and Gulf of California (RR).
SNOWY OWL - 1 12/12 Baca Co. (WS).
Pygmy Owl - 1 11/22 Lyons (GSmith); 1 12/22 Idaho Springs (Count).
Long-eared Owl - Many fewer than usual, Boulder area (DC).
Short-eared Owl - 1 11/17 Longmont (ACol).
Common Crow - 1000 11/17 Longmont-Boulder (DC,ACol,ACon); only one seen all winter, Platteville (2/20,21 - ML).
Clark's Nutcracker - Unaccountably disappeared from Colorado--none on any Christmas Count and no winter reports. Nearest Christmas Count reports: one at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and four at Casper, Wyoming, at both of which places usually many more are counted. Ennis and Helena, Montana, had more than usual. Baker and Malheur Refuge, in Oregon, had 13 and 15, respectively, although those places had none at all the three preceding years. Redlands, California, with 18, also had none the three preceding years. This suggests the unlikely possibility that the Colorado Nutcrackers went north and west for the winter.
Mountain Chickadee - 6 or more at feeder all winter, Longmont (IB); other reports during winter, east as far as Fort Morgan.

White-breasted Nuthatch - pair daily at feeder all winter, Longmont (IB); 2 1/4-3/18 at feeder, Platteville (ML); others at Barr Lake and east to Fort Morgan. Last, 1 3/25 Denver (TM).
Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 11/13 to 4/13 at Longmont (IB); 1 11/15 to 4/10, all months, SE Denver (TM).
Brown Creeper - 3 or more all winter to 3/14, Longmont (IB); all months through winter to 3/25 Denver (TM); east to Fort Morgan (12/31, Count).
Dipper - 1 11/12, 2/6, 26, 27, at various places along Cherry Creek near main business district, Denver (TM).
Winter Wren - 1 12/12 near Boulder (L&CB); 1 12/22 Jefferson Co (Count).
Rock Wren - 2 12/30 Colorado Springs (Count).
Long-billed Marsh Wren - 1 12/31 Fort Morgan (Count); 1 2/6 CCRA (C&MS).
Mockingbird - 1 12/9 (Club) and 12/22 (Count) Red Rocks; 1 12/22 Deer Creek, JeffCo (Count); 1 12/29 IDAHO SPRINGS (Count).
Brown Thrasher - 1 11/12-12/1 GEORGETOWN (OA); 1 12/20 Longmont, 1 12/22 Jefferson Co, 1 12/29 Marshall (Boulder Co) (Count).
Robin - few wintered; 1-5 only on Christmas Counts: Longmont, Boulder, Rocky Mountain National Park, Idaho Springs, Denver and Colorado Springs; 21 Fort Collins (Count); seen several days each month Dec.-March, SE Denver (TM).
Mountain Bluebird - present all winter (WS), 6 2/5 (ACol) Baca Co.
Townsend's Solitaire - numerous all winter at Red Rocks, (H) 8 2/10, 5 3/10 (Club); 1 3/1 Platteville (ML).
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2 12/22 Deer Creek, Jefferson Co (Count).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 11/23 with Mountain Chickadees at suet, but not eating suet, Longmont (IB), 1 11/6, 12 Golden (GSh); 1 1/7-3/18 at feeder Longmont (RB); 1 each Jefferson Co., Colorado Springs and Longmont Christmas Counts.
Bohemian Waxwing - 2 small flocks (one of 30) Boulder, January (GSmith, HA).
Cedar Waxwing - scattered reports, 1-31 Fort Collins to Colorado Springs, 10/1-12/30; 2 3/9 Denver (TM).
Loggerhead Shrike - 3 12/29 Durango (Count).
Starling - 200,000 est. 1/3 at Davis Marsh, Ione (Weld Co.)(JB). 1 with orange marker through winter, Longmont (IB).
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER - 1 12/29 Durango (Count).
Myrtle Warbler - 1 12/29 (Count), 1/5 (DC,Acol) Boulder; 1 1/8,9 eating suet, Longmont (IB).
Audubon's Warbler - 1 12/11-20, 1/9 Durango (OR).
Palm Warbler - 1 12/1 Boulder (GSmith).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1 male, 2/14 Longmont (JB).
Red-winged Blackbird - 400,000 est. 1/3 Davis Marsh, Ione (JB).
Rusty Blackbird - 5 12/31 Fort Morgan (Count).
Brewer's Blackbird - numerous reports 1-100, Fort Collins and Fort Morgan to Denver area, Nov. through 3/31.
Common Grackle - 1 1/13-18 at feeder, Longmont (IB).
Brown-headed Cowbird - male, banded 2/20 Ione (JB).
Evening Grosbeak - 10-30 at feeder all fall and through March, Longmont (ACol); small numbers through winter, Denver.
Cassin's Finch - very few reported on plains, Dec.-March; H, 8 12/28 near Golden (DC,LD).
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch - 100 12/21 N. St. Vrain Canyon (ACol); 3 12/28 Golden (DC, LD); 100 2/22 near Palmer Lake (GSmith).
Black Rosy Finch - 1 12/28 Golden (DC,LD).
Pine Siskin - fairly common on plains all winter, increasing April-May; flock several hundred Siskins and House Finches feeding at roadside 12/22 near Federal Center, Jefferson Co (DT).
American Goldfinch - 70 2/9, 18 3/9 Barr Lake (Club).
Lesser Goldfinch - 6 12/15 Jefferson Co (Club); 4 12/28 Golden (DC,LD); 4 12/30 Colorado Springs (Count).
Red Crossbill - 2 12/28 near Denver (DC,LD).
GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE - 1 12/22 Jefferson Co (Count).
White-winged Junco - 1 12/26 to 3/3 Longmont (IB)(other reports).

Slate-colored Junco - 2 1/24-3/14 Platteville (ML); 1 1/4-3/3 Longmont (IB) other reports).
Oregon Junco - singing 2/13-16 Longmont (IB).
Junco hybrids - 2 at feeder (1 dark head, slight brown back, clear white sides and under parts, other very light gray like mearnsi, but with no pink or brown) Platteville (ML); 2 at Georgetown 12/29 were very light with little or no brownish, apparently Oregon--Slate-colored hybrids (DT,LD).
Chipping Sparrow - 6 12/30 Colorado Springs (Count).
Harris' Sparrow - 5 reports 1-4 11/4 to 12/22 Longmont, Boulder, Golden and Denver vicinity.
White-throated Sparrow - 1 12/22 Red Rocks (Count); 1 12/28, 1/26 Golden (DC,ACol, LD).
Fox Sparrow - 1 12/29 Fort Collins (Count).
Swamp Sparrow - 1 12/29 Fort Collins, 2 12/31 Fort Morgan (Count).
SNOW BUNTING - 7 1/20 Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Club).

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The following "Observations of the Village Streetwalker" are from the Clear Creek Mining Journal of Idaho Springs, March 1, 1963, received from Bob Gustafson. (The Village Streetwalker should not be confused with the Roadrunner that spent the winter of 1956-57 at Idaho Springs.)

"Even with the few cold days we had here about the middle of January, it can scarcely be said this winter has been 'for the birds.'

"Something seems to have happened to our birds.

"Maybe they knew about those few cold days and left the country, but most of the people who usually have birds around their places in the winter time have noticed the complete absence this winter of some species, and far fewer numbers of other birds usually plentiful during the winter time at homes where feed is put out for them.

"For instance, nobody we have heard from has seen any Clark's nutcrackers this winter. This bird, often confused with the Camprobber and called by some the pinon jay, usually stays pretty close around houses where suet and meat scraps are put out, from fall until spring. Where, and why, did he go this winter?

"Even the blue jay doesn't seem to be around in usual number, nor the red-headed finch or white crown sparrow.

"We do have one fellow, though, who seems to be increasing innumber--the starling.

"Maybe the nutcrackers and finches don't like the company of this fellow, and he does have his faults. While they are punctillious about bathing and will fight each other for the bird bath (even in winter weather), they are not so meticulous in their personal habits. Brought to the United States from Europe, the starling has increased in such great numbers as to have become quite a serious problem in the east. Though they have been in our plains country for several years, last year was the first time we had seen any of them up here. There were a couple around our place last year; this year we have 11 of them.

"Another bird not seen around here in several years is the pigeon. There were a few up until 15 or 20 years ago. They were picked off by an operator of a turkey and chicken farm as they came in to feed with the turkeys and chickens, and until recently there hasn't been a pigeon anywhere around our town. There are a few now, probably turned loose by youngsters who got tired of them as pets, or by the parents who had to take care of the pigeon-pets when the kids lost interest."

WELDONA NOTES

by Howard Rollin

January-February, 1963 - There is so little to report for these two months that combining the two does not seem amiss. All birds except Horned Lark and Tree Sparrow are practically non-existent. No water birds have been noted and all hawks are scarce.

March 31 - Birds started to increase in numbers in March, but all are still scarce except Meadowlark and Horned Lark. The last few days were very warm, with an increase in numbers of migrants and in activity. No water birds except the Killdeer. The January-February drought continued through March, and moisture is needed badly.

Rough-legged Hawk - 1 1/3.
Prairie Falcon - 1 1/3.
Ring-necked Pheasant - present, but scarce.
Killdeer - 1 3/22 (none since).
Great Horned Owl - fairly common in the canyons.
Red-shafted Flicker - 1 3/22.
Say's Phoebe - first 1 3/27, remains.
Horned Lark - first singing 2/6, first flight song 3/3.
Black-billed Magpie - a few through winter; fairly common, active at nests, 3/31.
Common Crow -1 1/5, 2 2/9, 1 3/22.
Mountain Bluebird - first, 3 3/10-19; extremely few.
Northern Shrike - scarce; last 1 2/28.
Starling - occasional few.
House Sparrow - occasional few, briefly.
Western Meadowlark - 1-2 most of winter; very common, territories established (March).
Red-winged Blackbird - first, 1 3/3-4; a few later.
Common Grackle - first, 2 3/23-31.
House Finch - 1 2/23.
Pine Siskin - 19 3/29-30.
American Goldfinch - occasional, March.
Oregon Junco - first, 6 3/3; very few through 3/31.
Tree Sparrow - last, 3/22.
White-crowned Sparrow - first 2 3/23; a few later.
Lapland Longspur - a few all winter; last, 3/10.

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YELLOW-SHAFTED AND HYBRID FLICKERS

Frequent reports are received of the Yellow-shafted Flicker, some reports with and others lacking details. While flickers with yellow shafts are frequent on the extreme western plains, most of these are seen under close observation to have the head coloring of the Red-shafted: red malar stripes (male), brownish crown and gray face, thus closely resembling the Gilded Flicker of the southwest cactus desert (of which we have received no reports). Many hybrids with red or orange-red wing and tail linings have the red mark of the Yellow-shafted on the back of the head (either sex) in addition to the red malar stripes on the male. A true Yellow-shafted Flicker should have the red head-spot, black malar stripes (male only) and gray crown with brownish face. Flickers of this description are extremely unusual along the western limits of the plains and should not be reported as "Yellow-shafted" unless close study determines all the features of the eastern, yellow-shafted, species to be present. Some authorities maintain that all flickers of the western plains are hybrids, with the characters of the Yellow-shafted in the western part of the hybrid zone and those of the Red-shafted in the eastern part of the zone "swamped out"; thus the majority of hybrid flickers appears to be pure Red-shafted or Yellow-shafted.

-- D.M.T.

NINE THOUSAND REDWINGS AND STARLINGS COLOR MARKED IN SOUTH PLATTE RIVER VALLEY

by John DeGrazio, Research Biologist

The Denver Wildlife Research Center of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Denver, Colorado, is conducting research on methods of alleviating a variety of damage problems caused by blackbirds and starlings in the Western United States.

As a part of the research program, several thousands of these birds have been trapped, banded, and color-marked with 1 x 4-inch plastic streamers. The marker is attached to the bird's leg by means of a Fish and Wildlife Service metal band. The objective of the banding and color marking is to make banding yield more information on the breeding and wintering areas, the migration routes followed, and the extent of local movements of depredating bird species.

From January 1, 1962, to March 31, 1963, more than 12,000 blackbirds and starlings were banded in the South Platte River drainage in Colorado in the Denver, Derby, Brighton, Fort Lupton, and Platteville areas. Approximately 9,000 of these birds were orange color-marked. Similar banding and color-marking programs are being carried on in South Dakota, California, and Arizona, each state being assigned different colors. For the remainder of 1963 in Colorado, white color-markers are being used.

Biologists of the Denver Wildlife Research Center are requesting help from all interested persons seeing color-marked birds. If a sighting of a color-marked bird is made, report the observation and pertinent information to: Denver Wildlife Research Center, Building 45, Federal Center, Denver 25, Colorado - Phone 233-3611, Extension 6626.

If the bird is killed or found dead, the band and color marker with pertinent information should be sent to the following address: U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

The last orange-tagged birds were color marked on March 20, 1963 and anyone sighting an orange-tagged starling in the future is urged to collect the bird if at all possible.

Such help and cooperation will provide important and useful information towards solving certain bird damage problems that exist in many states.

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SPRING COUNT - 1963

compiled by Harold Holt

The 1963 Spring Count, made May 18, equaled the 1962 count in species, although total field hours were only 80% of 1962's. About 100 observers in 35 parties spent 281 party hours in the field. There were 221 species reported, seven new to the count, making a total of 296 species for the past nine years.

One of the new species, reported without identification details, is the Anna's Hummingbird, a California species new to the Colorado list. There are very few, if any, previous spring reports of another of the new species, the Rufous Hummingbird.

In the following table, on pages 19-23, the seven new species are indicated with asterisks (*) and the most unusual species and high counts are underlined.

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Regular meeting - Tuesday, September 24, 1963, 8:00 p.m., Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History. (Use north, basement entrance).

Species	YC	BD	FC	Ber	L	B	BL	CC	BC	F	CS	EP	GM	DJ	PC	D
Common Loon		2														
Eared Grebe		5	1	50	25		7	1		3	4				34	
Western Grebe			34	5	23					3						
Pied-billed Grebe			1	12	9	4	6	3	5	1						
White Pelican			107													
Double-crested Cormorant			38				2									
Great Blue Heron		2	48	10	8	6	30	7			1					
Green Heron		2														
Snowy Egret			2				12			1					9	
*Louisiana Heron							1									
Black-crowned Night Heron			20				75				3				1	
American Bittern		1					1									
White-faced Ibis		1	1		1		10				10					
Canada Goose			26				6	2	46	12						
Mallard		100	106	125	40	26	45	40	13	231	65	9		21	169	11
Gadwall		10	48	120	54	42	40	18		56	25				11	
Pintail			28	4	2	1	20			10	3				18	
Green-winged Teal		4	31	8	15	10	8	2		14	25	4			13	
Blue-winged Teal		150	52	30	35	28	24	8	6	70	33		6		4	2
Cinnamon Teal			10	10	11	7	10	2	8	9	4				5	
American Widgeon		3	7	22	4	4	2	2		22	2				3	
Shoveler		15	99	40	92	36	40	24	3	96	107				22	
Wood Duck									1							
Redhead		12	13	28	16	8	10	12	11		1				4	
Ring-necked Duck																2
Canvasback			1													
Lesser Scaup		4	9	15	2		4	2		4	1				14	
Bufflehead				2	2					2						
Ruddy Duck		2	10	80	6		30	10		4	12				16	2
Common Merganser			3											1		
Red-breasted Merganser		2														
Turkey Vulture		1	1	2	2	2				18	1		5	18		2
Goshawk												2				
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1							2						
Cooper's Hawk											1					
Red-tailed Hawk			4				2	1		2	1		1	2	2	
Swainson's Hawk	5	4	4			1	2				4				1	
Ferruginous Hawk			1							1						
Golden Eagle			6	1		1					3	1	1	4	2	1
Marsh Hawk	1	1	3				1			1						
Pigeon Hawk											1					
Sparrow Hawk			14	7	10	8	2	3	4	7	14	2	2	2	5	9
*Greater Prairie Chicken	29															
Bobwhite	3	20					3			2						
Scaled Quail			2								10					
California Quail			2													
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	25	53	10	5	2	7	1	5	5	9					
Chukar							4									
*Turkey												1				
Sora			1		1					7		1				
American Coot		40	14	40	56	7	50	42	7	85	60			3	9	5

Species	YC	BD	FC	BER	L	B	BL	CC	BC	F	CS	EP	GM	DJ	PC	D
Piping Plover					2											
Killdeer	3	6	30	10	17	13	10	8	5	35	49		1		2	4
American Golden Plover						1										
Black-bellied Plover					2			1		1						
Ruddy Turnstone								1								
Common Snipe				1		6	1				3				1	
Upland Plover	2															
Spotted Sandpiper		12	6	2	7	1	13	2	4	35	19		3		7	9
Willet		1	1				1	6			2				1	
Lesser Yellowlegs		1			6					2						
Baird's Sandpiper			5	5		2										
Least Sandpiper			1								1					
Long-billed Dowitcher			5		11			1		1	2					
Stilt Sandpiper			3													
Western Sandpiper			15		2						1					
Sanderling		15														
American Avocet			40	50	55	26	25	12	6		22				25	
Wilson's Phalarope		5	42	60	120	52	65	18	23	6	124				374	
Northern Phalarope							23									
California Gull			29												5	
Ring-billed Gull		20	177	4	13		20	2	4	5					2	
Franklin's Gull		40	5		1					2						
Bonaparte's Gull								1								
Forster's Tern		1	13					6		1						
Black Tern		100	21	12	29	4	20	8	8	77	37				2	
Rock Dove						2					36		50			
Mourning Dove	68	50	312	450	150	70	50	50	16	84	268	1	7	53	5	44
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		1				1										
*Black-billed Cuckoo										1						
Screech Owl						1		1								
Great Horned Owl		3	2				3				1		3			
Burrowing Owl			4		2					7						
*Spotted Owl			1													
Long-eared Owl		2					1									
Poor-will				1		1										
Common Nighthawk		1									2					
Chimney Swift						4				2	8					
White-throated Swift				10	15	25				1	35		9	4		2
*Anna's Hummingbird											(2--no details)					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			17			6		2	3	3	41	11	2	11	6	
*Rufous Hummingbird											(2--no details)					
Belted Kingfisher		3	3	1		1		1			3			1	1	
Yellow-shafted Flicker		1														
Red-shafted Flicker		8	36	10	10	14	4	27	4	5	51	1	1	7	3	3
Red-headed Woodpecker		30	7	1	5		5			5	8					
Lewis' Woodpecker			3	2		2				2	8					6
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			14												2	1
Williamson's Sapsucker													2			
Hairy Woodpecker			6	1	2	2	1				6			1	1	
Downy Woodpecker		2	4		1		4				3		1			
Eastern Kingbird	10	60	21	20	8	2	12		1	12	18				1	
Western Kingbird	29	50	45	18	9	4	24	2	2	41	59			1	3	10

Species	YC	BD	FC	BER	L	B	BL	CC	BC	F	CS	EP	GM	DJ	PC	D
Cassin's Kingbird										7						
Great Crested Flycatcher		1														
Ash-throated Flycatcher														1		
Eastern Phoebe		1														
Say's Phoebe			11	5		3				2	18		3	5	4	4
Traill's Flycatcher								1								
Least Flycatcher		2														
Hammond's Flycatcher											1		1	1		
Empidonax (unidentified)			6												4	2
Western Flycatcher			16								2	1	2			
Western Wood Pewee		1	1		1	2	4			1	5		1			
Olive-sided Flycatcher		2									4					
Horned Lark	55	40	118			10	6			42	88				104	
Violet-green Swallow			24		4	22				2	140	23	12	17	10	169
Tree Swallow										6	13	2		5	66	
Bank Swallow								30			16					2
Rough-winged Swallow	3	10	6	4	6		1	6		7	8					13
Barn Swallow	3	4	67	30	40	16	15	10	12	6	33			2	3	2
Cliff Swallow		400	280	750	110	200		38		159	400			220	105	
Gray Jay			4										1		3	
Blue Jay		30		2	1						1					
Steller's Jay			9			9				1	82	1		8	2	
Scrub Jay										1	37		2	15		9
Black-billed Magpie	13	6	55	250	100	29	24	50	18	48	249	8	26	31	32	38
Common Raven			1		1						6	1	3		9	
White-necked Raven		12									2					
Common Crow	11	10	21	1	3	5			1	1	13		1		1	9
Pinon Jay			1			4					12		15	9		160
Black-capped Chickadee		6	3	2	1	6	3		3	3	24		2	4		1
Mountain Chickadee			18			4					21	5	8		4	
Plain Titmouse														3		
White-breasted Nuthatch			2			1				1	4		2	2		
Red-breasted Nuthatch			3										1			
Pigmy Nuthatch						2					7		4			
Brown Creeper											2		4			
Dipper			2			2					1		1	3	1	
House Wren		30	43	10	4	26	3	24	3	7	46	3	4	8	4	2
Canon Wren			1										3			
Rock Wren			4	20		1	1			1	1		2	10		1
Mockingbird	2	8	14	14	1	1	12		1	2	11			1	1	
Catbird		3		6	2		2	1	1	1	2					3
Brown Thrasher		6	2		1		2	1	1	1	3					
Sage Thrasher														1		
Wood Thrush		1														
Hermit Thrush			12				2									
Swainson's Thrush		80	1		6	1	60	3		4	2					
Veery			1				4									
Robin	1	1	88	150	50	80	6	20	20	18	344	32	3	65	65	25
Eastern Bluebird		1									2					
Western Bluebird										5	6	1	1			
Mountain Bluebird			4	6		4				19	39	4	2	12	42	7
Townsend's Solitaire			9			1					3		3	1		1

Species	YC	BD	FC	BER	L	B	BL	CC	BC	F	CS	EP	GM	DJ	PC	D
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			51			2		2					6		4	
Water Pipit										1		1	30			
Loggerhead Shrike	4		1				2			2	3					
Starling	4	20	82	150	200	250	20	100	18	27	227	3	9	6	3	37
Bell's Vireo		2														
Solitary Vireo			4	2		7				11	8		2			
Red-eyed Vireo		2		1		5				1	2					
Warbling Vireo		3	2			4					10	1		1		1
Black and White Warbler			2													
Virginia's Warbler			1			10	1	2		1	29		2	3		
Yellow Warbler		15	24	12	23	100	8	38	9	13	48		3	53		37
Magnolia Warbler								1								
Myrtle Warbler											5					
Audubon's Warbler	1	1	29			4	8			3	6	1	15	1	15	
Black-throated Gray Warbler														1		
Ovenbird		1									2					
Mourning Warbler		1														
MacGillivray's Warbler		2	1								1		2	1		
Yellowthroat	1	12	4	8	11	15	10	26	16	22	2		1			
Yellow-breasted Chat		3	1	2	1	8	1	4	4	1			8			
Wilson's Warbler			2		2		2			1	3	1		2		
American Redstart		2			1		1	2	4							
House Sparrow	9	12	79	75	50	75	15	30	20	36	298			1	8	35
Western Meadowlark	63	40	181	500	150	150	100	18	24	143	203	4	10	7	2	15
Yellow-headed Blackbird		30	73	275	70	21	75	40	14	103	10				41	2
Red-winged Blackbird	16	200	229	400	200	200	100	200	34	179	270	10		90	82	64
Orchard Oriole		25														
Baltimore Oriole	1	4					1									
Bullock's Oriole		2	28	8	3	9	50	6	9	20	14		5	3		7
Rusty Blackbird											3					
Brewer's Blackbird			50	14	43	36	2	12	8	39	248	12	14	42	133	120
Common Grackle		5	91	80	150	54	10	30	10	4	62					
Brown-headed Cowbird		12	8	1	2	3				5	40		4	4	3	
Western Tanager			3		1	9	2			3	53		6		1	1
Cardinal		1														
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							1				2					
Black-headed Grosbeak			1		2	6	2	4	6	1	43		1			15
Blue Grosbeak		4	1		1		1				1					
Indigo Bunting		1					1	2								
Lazuli Bunting		1	6	4	15	24		16	4	3	60	1	20			10
Dickcissel											1					
Evening Grosbeak			7			18			3		96					1508
Cassin's Finch						1					4		3			
House Finch			14	14	13	45	1	9	23	17	205		2	63		20
Pine Siskin			106	5	50	90		2	56	6	316	8	10	293		575
American Goldfinch		16	58	15	6	27	4	6	4	3	32	1	2	10		24
Lesser Goldfinch						2					8				5	
Red Crossbill													1			
Green-tailed Towhee			3				1			2	10	1	2	12		2
Rufous-sided Towhee			23	24	1	40	1	5	10	11	233		15			4
Lark Bunting	371	40	483				75			36	14					
Savannah Sparrow	1		2	4	1		1					1			6	
Grasshopper Sparrow	1	4														

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Vesper Sparrow		2	29	2	3	8		2		20	51			6		6
Lark Sparrow	2	20	61	90	6	1	20	4	3	48	65					12
Cassin's Sparrow		12														
Slate-colored Junco											2					
Oregon Junco											58					
Gray-headed Junco			16			6	2				30		13	15	4	3
Tree Sparrow			3								5					
Chipping Sparrow	1	12	22		8	25	20	6	4	41	116		30	23	7	30
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	12					3			1				3		
Brewer's Sparrow			26				8			9	14		1	11		2
White-crowned Sparrow		8	12		8		1	1			8	1	3	8	3	7
Lincoln's Sparrow			8				2									
Song Sparrow			2					8	1	10	14	2		25	2	3
McCown's Longspur	17															
Total species (221)	34	99	139	75	86	93	97	72	53	105	136	36	68	61	70	59
Observers	2	7	17	3	2	9	7	2	9	4	26	2	3	3	2	6
Parties	1	1	11	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	12	1	1	1	1	2
Party hours	8	15	51	12	12	20	13	8	12	21	68	5	12	13	11	8

Areas covered and participants:

YC - Yuma County near Wray - Keith E. Evans, Jack D. Watson.

BD - Bonny Dam, lake and river bottom - John Chapin and family, Thompson Marsh, Howard Winckler.

FC - Fort Collins north to Wyoming line, Big Thompson Canyon, Wellington, Buckhorn, Black Hollow and Rist Canyon - Paul Baldwin, George Bear, Donald Beaver, Sheila and Shirley Brewer, Vern Clark, Dave Colley, Alice Dickerson, Robert Hamre, Richard Hopper, James McCrum, Meredith Morris, Chris Parker, Charles and Peggy Stone, Ronald and Audrey Ryder.

BER - Berthoud area - Jay H. Arnold, Harold Dunning, Rebecca Dunning.

L - Longmont area - Inez Baker, Allegra Collister.

B - Boulder area - Boulder Bird Club, Mrs. Venola J. Bivans pres. (9 observers).

BL - Barr Lake and Mile High Lakes, Rocky Mountain Arsenal - Betty Agee, Ruth and Ted Dement, Nancy Hurley, Mary Louise and Candice Rosegay, Lois Webster.

CC - Clear Creek bottoms from Arvada to Golden and reservoirs around Westminster - Jerome Besser, Harold Holt.

BC - Bear Creek to Morrison and to Sedalia - Bobby Asphaugh, Jane Blankenbaker, Merle Barbour, Phyllis Caswell, Barbara Conway, Netta Henrichs, Georgina Johnston, Sadie Morrison, DorothyNazarenus.

F - Cherry Creek Reservoir to Franktown and Castlewood Dam to Castle Rock - Charles and Mildred Snyder, Parnell and Jean White.

CS - Colorado Springs area - Aiken Ornithological Society, 26 observers (next page).

EP - Estes Park and lower areas of Rocky Mountain National Park - Jim Larson, Merlin Potts.

GM - Red Rocks, Genesee Mountain, Echo Lake and Mt. Goliath - Timothy Dore, Edward Lindell, Donald Thatcher.

DJ - Derby Junction to State Bridge - Larry Davis, George and Marie Shier.

PC - Park County - Robert and Nancy Gustafson.

D - Durango area - Lou Ann Hyde, Robert Hyde, Donald Johnson, Alberta Oliver, Oppie Reames, Tonia Thompson.

Colorado Springs participants - Mrs T. L. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Alward, R. G. Beidelman, Mrs. Gilbert Catlett, Dr. & Mrs. J. H. Endorson, Mrs. Kenneth Ewing, Mrs. L. B. Field, Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Graves, Mrs. Jane Jones, Blaine Marshman, Mrs. Noble Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nesbit, Mrs. William Noble, Mrs. J. E. Osgood, George Sinton, Mr. & Mrs. Mahlon Speers, Mrs. Helen Thurlow, Mrs. E. VanSickle, Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Weberbauer, Mrs. A. D. Williams.

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FIELD TRIPS - September and October, 1963

September

7 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Meet SW corner Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Ted & Ruth Dement, leaders. Bring lunch.

8 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Red Rocks Park. Colfax & Sheridan behind drug store, SE cor. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day.

14 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Barr Lake. Natural History Museum parking lot. Philip Alexander, leader. Bring lunch.

15 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Nat. Hist. Mus. parking lot. Mrs. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day.

21 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Golden area. Colfax & Sheridan. George Shier, leader. Bring lunch.

22 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Bear Creek area. Colfax & Sheridan. Lois Webster, leader. Bring lunch.

28 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Castlewood Dam area. Meet as Sept. 7. Nancy Hurley, leader. Bring lunch.

29 Sun. no trip.

October

5 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Same as September 7.

6 Sun. No trip.

12 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Same as Sept. 14.

13 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Same as Sept. 8.

19 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Longmont. Meet Natural History Museum parking lot. Nancy Hurley and Mrs. Allegra Collister, leaders. Bring lunch.

20 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Same as Sept. 15.

26 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Bear Creek. Same as Sept. 22.

27 Sun. No trip.

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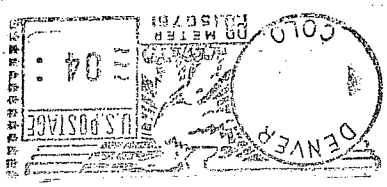

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A DISPLAY OF BIRDS COLLECTED BY PIONEER COLORADO ORNITHOLOGISTS

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Catherine Hurlbutt, in interviewing Horace G. Smith, a life member of the Colorado Bird Club, reported that a natural history collection once housed in Denver was distributed to various state institutions some years ago (Colo. Bird Notes 6 (3): 27-31). Perhaps this is the source of the bird specimens, collected and mounted by Colorado ornithologists at the turn of the century, that were recently taken from storage, cleaned, and placed on display at Ft. Lewis A & M College. The specimens are life mounts and vary in condition from fair to good. Most bear a label of the State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado (NHSC) and acquisition numbers of the society's collection. The initials of Horace G. Smith appear on most of the labels.

The group includes:

Mallard, male, NHSC 701, and female, NHSC 702, Orchard, Colorado, January, 1897. Collected and mounted by Hugo Todenwarth.

Canvasback, male, NHSC 698. Collector and site of collection unknown.

Blue Grouse, male and female. No labels.

Sage Grouse, female, NHSC 666. Collector and site of collection unknown.

Bobwhite, male, NHSC 664, and female, NHSC 665. Collector and site of collection unknown.

California Quail, male, NHSC 663. Collector and site of collection unknown.

Red-shafted Flicker, male, NHSC 269. Collector and site of collection unknown.

Blue Jay, male, NHSC 2101. Collected by H. G. Smith on Dry Willow Creek, Yuma Co., Colorado. June 14, 1906.

Steller's Jay, NHSC 214. Sex, Collector, and site of collection unknown.

Scrub Jay, NHSC 229. Sex, collector, and site of collection unknown.

Pinon Jay, male, NHSC 235. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Watervale, Las Animas Co., Colorado, March 10, 1900. Mounted by H. G. Smith.

White-breasted Nuthatch, male, no acquisition number. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Palmer Lake, Colorado, April 12, 1904.

Pygmy Nuthatch, male, NHSC 1429. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Buffalo Park, Colorado, May 20, 1902. Mounted by H. G. Smith.

Dipper, male, NHSC 2519. Collected by H. G. Smith at Palmer Lake, Colorado, November 26, 1909.

Catbird, male, NHSC 305. Collected at Denver, Colorado, by W. C. Ferril, May 23, 1900. Mounted by H. G. Smith.

Catbird, male, NHSC 2170. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Hugo, Colorado, June 9, 1906. Mounted by B. G. Voight.

Bohemian Waxwing, male, NHSC 2237. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Palmer Lake, Colorado, November 3, 1907.

Yellowthroat, male, NHSC 456. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Denver, Colorado, May 14, 1898. Mounted by H. S. Reed.

Western Meadowlark, male, NHSC 299. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Julesburg, Colorado, September 22, 1900. Mounted by B. G. Voight.

Bullock's Oriole, male. No label.

Western Tanager, female (but labelled male), NHSC 173. Collected by H. G. Smith at Denver, Colorado, September 6, 1890.

Western Tanager, female, NHSC 2149. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Arboles, Colorado, May 30, 1906. Mounted by B. G. Voight.

Black-headed Grosbeak, male, NHSC 316, and female, NHSC 317. Collected by W. C. Ferril at Salida, Colorado, June 3, 1899.

Pine Siskin, male, NHSC 759. Collected by W. C. Ferril on Clear Creek, Denver, Colorado, April 3, 1901.

Evening Grosbeak, male, NHSC 322. Denver, Colorado, January 1895. Collected and mounted by Hugo Todenwarth.

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SPRING MIGRATION, 1963

by Donald M. Thatcher

Another dry, mild spring resulted in an especially interesting bird migration, birds being generally much more numerous than during the 1962 season. Most notable was the occurrence of several species of eastern warblers, some of which are reported for the first time in Colorado. These are included, with comments, in the following summary report.

The report lists species in the following categories: (1) winter residents, latest spring observations; (2) transients, with earliest arrival and latest departure dates; (3) summer residents, earliest spring observations; (4) stragglers and accidentals; (5) year-round resident species, unusual occurrences and some notes on behavior. For some extremely unusual species, all observations are listed.

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Winter Resident Species. Latest spring observations, unless otherwise noted (H--high count).
Green-winged Teal - pair 6/12 Longmont (IB).
Common Goldenwyw - 2 4/26 Denver (HH).
Barrow's Goldeneye - 2 4/15 Weld Co. north of Berthoud (ACol).
Bufflehead - 2 each 5/18 Berthoud, Longmont, CCRA (Count).
Common Merganser - 3 5/18 Fort Collins (Count); 1 male 5/19 Granby Resv. (R&NG).
Red-breasted Merganser - 2 5/18 Bonny Resv. (Count).
Rough-legged Hawk - 1 4/21 north of Laramie, Wyo. (IB).
Pigeon Hawk - 1 5/18 Black Forest, El Paso Co. (Count).
Herring Gull - 1 4/27 LaSalle (Club).
Ring-billed Gull - 1 5/26 Denver (Club); 16 6/12 Longmont (IB).
Horned Lark - last flocks 3/3 Platteville (ML).
Steller's Jay - (plains) 2 4/23 Longmont (ACol).
Mountain Chickadee (plains) - 1 4/24 Denver (TM).
White-breasted Nuthatch - (plains) 5/3 Boulder (LH); last at feeder 4/13 Longmont (IB).
Red-breasted Nuthatch - (plains) 4/13 Longmont (IB).
Brown Creeper - (plains) 1 3/25 Denver (TM).
Long-billed Marsh Wren - 1 4/22 LaSalle (ML).
Townsend's Solitaire - 1 4/7 Longmont (Club).
Northern Shrike - 3 4/24 Longmont (IB).
Evening Grosbeak - small numbers Denver and vicinity all winter; 1-10 seen 5 days 4/14-29, 1-2 6 days 5/2-20 Denver (TM); 1 5/26 Golden (GShier); approx. 20 wintering at Boulder remained until 5/26, and all left by 6/6 (LH).
Cassin's Finch - last at feeder, pair 4/2 Denver (L&CB); 5/21 Boulder (LH).
Pine Siskin - small numbers at Denver until 5/24 (TM); 5/17 Platteville (ML); 6 5/25 Golden (R&NG); 1 5/31 Longmont (IB).
Red Crossbill - 7 3/28 Denver (TM).
White-winged Junco - 1 3/21 Longmont (IB).
Slate-colored Junco - 2 5/18 Colorado Springs (Count).
Oregon Junco - 58 5/18 Colorado Springs (Count).
Gray-headed Junco - 1 5/19 Platteville (ML).
Tree Sparrow - 3 Fort Collins, 5 Colorado Springs 5/18 (Count).
Harris' Sparrow - 4/13 east of Boulder (BBC).
White-crowned Sparrow - 6/4 Boulder (LH).
Lapland Longspur - 3/10 Weldona (HR).

Transient Species. Earliest arrivals and latest departures, unless otherwise noted. Includes some species resident in summer or winter elsewhere in this region, but here considered to be migrants in the localities reported (F--first, L--last, H--high count).
Common Loon - 1 5/2 CCRA (LW,SM,NH); 1 5/26 Morrison (Club).
Horned Grebe - 1 3/24 CCRA (TM); 1 5/10 Longmont (IB).
White Pelican - small flock 4/17 Prewitt Resv. (Washington Co.) C&BB; (H) 200 4/20-22 LaSalle (ML); 30 5/22 Sheridan Lake, Kiowa Co (IB).
Great Blue Heron - 3 3/26 Denver (JB).
Green Heron - 1 5/15 CCRA (LW,NH); 2 5/18 Bonny Resv. (Count).
Whistling Swan - 1 3/9 Marston Lake, BowMar (LW,NH,AR,P&JW).

Snow Goose - 1 3/16 Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co. (R&NG); 4000 3/18 Nee Noshe Resv. Kiowa Co (C&MS); 1 4/28 Platteville (HH).
Blue Goose - 1 3/24 Longmont--reported to ACol by Ruth Baysdorfer.
Pintail - 2500 2/9 Barr Lake (Club).
Ring-necked Duck - 4 4/14 Longmont (NH, T&RD); 2 5/18 Durango (Count).
Canvasback - (last) 2 males 6/6 Denver (HH).
GREATER SCAUP - 3 males 3/16 Robbins Dasher Lake, Jefferson Co. (R&NG); 1 male 3/30 Mile High Lakes (P&JW) (all identified by green heads).
Lesser Scaup - 50 4/7 Longmont (Club); 9 reports 5/18 (Count).
Hooded Merganser - 1 3/30 Lake George, Park Co (R&NG).
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - 1 5/22 seen well Boulder (LH), also seen near Boulder 6/23 by others.
BROAD-WINGED HAWK - 3 6/5 Denver (HH).
Osprey - 1 4/18 Denver (TM); 1 5/5 BowMar (Club).
Peregrine Falcon - 1 3/20, 4/4,11 Golden (G&MShier).
Sandhill Crane - 2 3/18 north of Lamar (C&MS).
Semipalmated Plover - 3 4/28 CCRA (Club); 10 5/3 Longmont (IB); 2 5/4 Mile High Lakes (HH).
Piping Plover - 2 5/18 Longmont (ACol).
Snowy Plover - 1 4/21 LaSalle (ML); 2 5/29 Longmont (IB).
American Golden Plover - 1 5/18 Boulder (Count).
Black-bellied Plover - 1 5/8, 5/26 Longmont (IB); 3 reports 5/18 (Count).
Ruddy Turnstone - 1 5/18 Arvada (HH).
Solitary Sandpiper - 1 4/25 SE Denver (TM).
Willet - 1 4/21 LaSalle (ML); 6 reports of 1-6 5/18 (Count).
Greater Yellowlegs - 1 3/22 Longmont (IB); 1 5/5 BowMar (Club).
Lesser Yellowlegs - 4 4/4 Barr Lake (LW); H 10 4/22 LaSalle (ML); 1 5/25 CCRA (Club).
White-rumped Sandpiper - 14 6/1 Mile High Lakes (HH).
Pectoral Sandpiper - 1 4/20 Mile High Lakes (NH,LW).
Baird's Sandpiper - 1 3/22 Longmont (IB); 3 reports (2-5) Fort Collins, Berthoud, Boulder 5/18 (Count).
Least Sandpiper - 40 4/26 Longmont (IB); 1 Fort Collins, 1 Colorado Springs 5/18 (Count).
Dunlin - 2 4/20 Mile High Lakes (NH,LW).
Long-billed Dowitcher - 6 4/4 Barr Lake (LW); H 14 4/22 LaSalle (ML); 1 5/25 Denver (Club).
Stilt Sandpiper - 3 5/18 Fort Collins (Count).
Semipalmated Sandpiper - 4 4/28 CCRA (Club); 6 4/29 Longmont (IB).
Western Sandpiper - 7 4/27 LaSalle (ML); H 15 Fort Collins 5/18 (Count); 4 5/25 CCRA (Club).
Marbled Godwit - 1 4/14 CCRA (TM); H 54 4/29, 45 5/2 CCRA (LW,SM,NH); 2 5/15 Longmont (IB).
Sanderling - 15 5/18 (Count), 20 5/22 (IB) Bonny Resv.
Black-necked Stilt - 1 5/2 CCRA (LW,SM,NH); 1 6/1 Mile High Lakes (HH).
Northern Phalarope - 1 5/15 CCRA (LW,NH); 23 5/18 Barr Lake (Count); 5/25 Denver area (Club).
Franklin's Gull - 1 4/14 Longmont (NH, T&RD); H 250 4/24, 2 6/12 Longmont (IB).
Bonaparte's Gull - 1 4/13 Barr Lake (Club); 1 5/19 Arvada (HH).
Rufous Hummingbird - 2 at feeder 5/18 Black Forest (GSinton)(Rare as spring migrant in this area).
Eastern Phoebe - 2 Bonny Resv 5/14 (ACol).
Least Flycatcher - 2 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count).
Pinon Jay - several records May, Boulder (LH); 7 5/25 Golden (GShier).

Wood Thrush - 1 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count.
Hermit Thrush - (plains) 1 4/20 Mile High Lakes (LW,NH); 1 6/3 Boulder (LH).
Swainson's Thrush - (plains) 8 reports (1-80) 5/18 (Count); 1 6/9 Boulder (LH).
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH - 1 5/20 Boulder (LH); 1 5/24,25 Golden closely observed (G&MShier, LD).
Eastern Bluebird - 1 Bonny Resv, 2 Colorado Springs area 5/18 (Count).
Mountain Bluebird - first, 100 2/7 Castlewood (NH).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1 4/28 Red Rocks (DT); 1 6/7 Enchanted Mesa, Boulder (LH,GSmith).
Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1 4/7 Longmont (Club); 1 5/19 Denver (TM); 1 5/26 Golden (GS).
Water Pipit - 18 4/13 Barr Lake (Club); 1 5/18 CCRA (Count).
Bell's Vireo - 2 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count).
Black-and-white Warbler - 1 5/12,13 Golden (GShier); 1 6/7 in full song Boulder (GSmith, LH).
WORM-EATING WARBLER - 2 5/7 Golden (GS), 1 5/9 Gregory Canyon, Boulder (LH,GW).
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER - 1 5/14 seen well, Golden (GShier).
Tennessee Warbler - 1 5/12 Red Rocks, at exactly same place one seen 5/13/62 (DT).
Orange-crowned Warbler - 1 4/24 Longmont (ACol); 5/4 Boulder (LH).
Nashville Warbler - 6 observations 5/7-20 Golden (G&MS).
PARULA WARBLER - 1 4/3 CCRA (L&CB); female 4/12 Golden (G&MS); female 4/15 Boulder (LH); 1 4/25 Edgewater (EMcN); 1 approx 5/15 Colorado Springs (AOS) Unusually numerous and extremely early.
MAGNOLIA WARBLER - male (singing) 5/14 Boulder (LH); 1 5/18 Golden (HH,JB); 1 5/20,21 (banded) Longmont (ACol); 1 5/23-27 Golden (G&MS) unusually frequent.
Myrtle Warbler - female 4/7 CCRA (TM); 5 5/18 Colorado Springs area (Count).
Audubon's Warbler - 4/14 Boulder (LH); 1 5/26 Mile High Lakes (Club).
Black-throated Gray Warbler - 1 5/24 Golden (GShier).
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER - male (singing) 5/4 Boulder (LH).
HERMIT WARBLER - female 5/12 Golden (GShier) Yellow top of head and gray back distinguished from Black-throated Green. Well observed. This species not on Colorado list.
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER - 1 5/12-27 Golden (G&MS); 1 5/22 Longmont (R&RB).
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER - 1 5/14, full song, Boulder (LH,VB).
BAY-BREASTED WARBLER - male 5/12 SE Denver (TM); 2 approx. 5/15 Colorado Springs (AOS).
Ovenbird - 1 5/11-15 banded Englewood (JN); 1 5/14,18 banded Bonny Resv (ACol and Count).
MOURNING WARBLER - 1 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count).
Wilson's Warbler - 1 4/23 Longmont (ACol); first 5/1, last 5/30 Boulder (LH).
Rusty Blackbird - 3 5/18 Colorado Springs (Count).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 2 males 5/1 Gregory Canyon, Boulder (LH), next, males 5/10 Boulder (LH,OT); 1 Barr Lake, 2 Colorado Springs 5/18 (Count); 1 5/20, 2 6/4 Denver (BB).
Lincoln's Sparrow - 1 4/5 Longmont (ACol); 1 5/26 Golden (GShier).

Summer Resident Species. Earliest spring observations, unless otherwise noted (H--high count).
Eared Grebe - 1 3/22,(H) 30 5/6-23 Longmont (IB).
Western Grebe - 7 4/5, (H) 300 4/24 Longmont (ACol, IB); (H) 100 4/27 LaSalle (ML); late migrants, 3 6/5 CCRA (HK).
Double-crested Cormorant - 2 4/13 Barr Lake (Club).
Snowy Egret - 2 LaSalle, 2 Milton Resv., Platteville (ML).
Black-crowned Night Heron - 4 4/4 Barr Lake (LW).
American Bittern - 1 4/22 LaSalle (ML).
White-faced Ibis - 2 4/18 Morrison (MB); reported 4/19,20 CCRA, Mile High Lakes, Boulder; (H) 20 4/28 CCRA (Club).
Blue-winged Teal - 4 3/30 CCRA (HH); pair 3/30 Longmont (IB).
Cinnamon Teal - 8 3/21 Longmont (IB).
Turkey Vulture - 4/9 Boulder (GSmith)
Swainson's Hawk - 1 4/4 Barr Lake (LW).
Virginia Rail - 1 5/15 CCRA (NH,LW).
Sora - 1 5/15 CCRA (NH,LW).
American Coot - 550 3/24 CCRA (TM).
Killdeer - 2 3/9 Longmont (IB); 4/20 Golden, edge of foothills (one day later than 1962)(G&MS).
Long-billed Curlew - 1 4/14 Antero Resv., Park Co (R&NG).
Upland Plover - 2 5/18 Wray (Count).
Spotted Sandpiper - 1 4/24 Longmont (IB).
American Avocet - 1 3/17 Eastlake (T&RD); H 80 4/19 Longmont (ACol).
Wilson's Phalarope - 3 females 4/9 Longmont (IB); H 64 4/27 LaSalle (Club).
*California Gull - 2 3/24 Longmont (IB).
Forster's Tern - 2 4/28 CCRA (Club).
Black Tern - 10 5/8 Longmont (IB).
Mourning Dove - first singing 3/20 Denver (L&CB).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 5/16 Boulder (GSmith).
Black-billed Cuckoo - 1 5/18 Franktown (Count).
Burrowing Owl - 3 3/31 CCRA (Club); 8 4/21 Platteville (ML).
Poor-will - 1 4/25 (early) Golden (GShier).
Common Nighthawk - 1 5/17 Bonny Resv (TM); 5/24 Denver (HH).
Chimney Swift - 2 5/9 Boulder (OT); 1 5/12 SE Denver (TM).
White-throated Swift - 4 3/29 Lyons (C&MS).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 4/30 Boulder (LH); 5/7 Red Rocks (DT); G. Shier reports "four times the usual number" at Golden.
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 5/12 Platteville (ML).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1 4/14 Park Co (R&NG).
Williamson's Sapsucker - 1 4/18 Evergreen (MB).
Eastern Kingbird - 5/5 Boulder (BBC); 1 5/18 Como, Park Co 9800'(R&NG)
Western Kingbird - 1 4/18 Platteville (ML); next 5/2 Aurora (LW,SM,NH).
Great Crested Flycatcher - 1 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count).
Say's Phoebe - 1 3/27 Weldona (HR).
Traill's Flycatcher - 1 5/18 Arvada (Count).
Hammond's Flycatcher - 1 Colorado Springs area, 1 at timberline above Echo Lake (Clear Creek Co), 1 Eagle Co 5/18 (Count).
Western Flycatcher - 1 5/12 Red Rocks Park (DT).
Western Wood Pewee - 5/4 Mile High Lakes (JB); next 5/14 Boulder (LH).
Olive-sided Flycatcher - 2 Bonny Resv., 4 Colorado Springs area 5/18 (Count).
Violet-green Swallow - 7 4/3 CCRA (L&CB).
Tree Swallow - 4 4/6 Denver (Club).
Bank Swallow - 1 4/20 Morrison (Club); 8 4/21 LaSalle (ML).

* SABINE'S GULL - 1 adult 7/22 Newell Lake, Weld Co. (T&ZC,AC,GDeL).

Rough-winged Swallow - 1 4/4 Longmont (ACol).
Barn Swallow - 2 4/6 Denver (Club); next 4/13 Boulder and Barr Lake.
Cliff Swallow - flock 75 5/3 Longmont (IB).
House Wren - 2 4/24 Longmont (ACol).
Rock Wren - 1 4/7 Weldona (HR).
Mockingbird - 1 4/2 Weldona (HR).
Catbird - 1 5/16 Red Rocks Park (DT); 9 reports (1-6) 5/18 (Count).
Brown Thrasher - 1 4/27 Boulder (GSmith).
Sage Thrasher - 1 4/4 Barr Lake (KCB).
Robin - 2/1 Boulder (VB); 100 2/16 Longmont (IB); first singing 3/9 Denver (DT).
Veery - 1 5/15 Bonny Resv (ACol); 5/18 Fort Collins and Barr Lake(Count).
Western Bluebird - 6 4/28 Castlewood, Douglas Co (Club).
Cedar Waxwing - 10 6/2 Fort Morgan (Club); pairs at Lyons and Boulder, June (GSmith).
Loggerhead Shrike - 4/9 Boulder (GSmith).
Solitary Vireo - 1 5/8 Boulder (LH).
Red-eyed Vireo - 2 5/9 Boulder (LH).
Warbling Vireo - 1 5/8 Boulder (LH).
Virginia's Warbler - 4/30 Boulder (LH).
Yellow Warbler - 8 5/4 Boulder (LH); first at Denver 5/5.
MacGillivray's Warbler - 5/13 Boulder (LH).
Yellowthroat - 2 4/20 Morrison (Club).
Yellow-breasted Chat - 4 (singing) 5/7 Red Rocks (DT).
American Redstart - 5/4 Boulder (LH).
Bobolink - 2 males 6/5-8 east of Boulder (GSmith)(believed to have been nesting).
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 20 4/4 Barr Lakes (LW); 300 4/14 LaSalle Platteville (ML).
Baltimore Oriole - 1 5/18 BARR LAKE, others Bonny Resv. and Yuma Co (Count).
Bullock's Oriole - 1 5/7 Platteville (ML).
Brewer's Blackbird - 2 3/30 (first in city) Denver (HH); 100 4/14 LaSalle Platteville (ML).
Common Grackle - 2 3/23 Weldona (HR); next, 2 3/28 Denver (TM); first, 3/29 at Longmont, increased to 75 4/9 (IB).
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1 4/2 Weldona (HR); next, 2 4/25, 12 4/27 Platteville (ML).
Western Tanager - 5/15 Boulder (LH).
Cardinal - 1 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count).
Black-headed Grosbeak - 5/6 Boulder (LH).
Blue Grosbeak - male 5/16 Denver Federal Center (JB).
Indigo Bunting - 2 (1 1st-year plumage) Red Rocks (DT); 3 5/13 Arvada (HH).
IndigoxLazuli Bunting hybrid - 1 5/26 Morrison (Club).
Lazuli Bunting - 6 5/3 Arvada (HH).
Dickcissel - 1 5/18 Colorado Springs (Count).
Lesser Goldfinch - 5/8 Lyons (IB).
Green-tailed Towhee - 1 4/20 Weldona (HR); next, 5/1 Boulder (GSmith).
Rufous-sided Towhee - 2 4/19 Boulder (LH).
Lark Bunting - 250 5/1 Weldona (HR).
Savannah Sparrow - 1 4/14 Platteville (ML); 15 4/24 Longmont (IB).
Grasshopper Sparrow - 1 Yuma Co., 4 Bonny Resv 5/18 (Count).
Baird's Sparrow - 2 5/4 CCRA (TM); 1 5/5 Antero Resv, Park Co (R&NG).
Vesper Sparrow - 1 4/2 Longmont (ACol); next 3 4/13 Barr Lake (Club).

Lark Sparrow - 1 4/26, 5 4/27 Platteville (ML, Club).
Cassin's Sparrow - 12 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count).
Sage Sparrow - 5/7 Boulder (GSmith).
Chipping Sparrow - 4 3/17 Golden (R&NG); next, 13 4/15 Denver (TM).
Clay-colored Sparrow - 1 4/14 Longmont (ACol).
Brewer's Sparrow - 6 4/24 Longmont (ACol).
McCown's Longspur - 1 4/5 Weldona (HR).

Stragglers and Accidentals

LOUISIANA HERON - 1 5/18 Barr Lake (Count). See account, page 40.
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD - 2 5/18 at feeder Colorado Springs (no details; not on Colorado list) G. Sinton
SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER - 1 4/27 Platteville (Club).
KENTNCKY WARBLER - Singing, seen well in brushy gully south of Boulder 5/31, 6/7, 21 (LH) (not found 6/23 when search made by DT,ACondit).
Summer Tanager - 1 5/15 Golden (GShier)(moulting, red and green with no black on wings).

Resident Species

Sparrow Hawk - migration in evidence 3/8 to 4/23 (reports from Sedalia to Longmont and Platteville.
Greater Prairie ChickenxSharp-tailed Grouse hybrid - 1 5/18 Wray KE,JDW).
Turkey - 5 5/3 near Rocky Mountain National Park; 1 5/18 first report in RMNP (MP).
Spotted Owl - 1 5/18 Larimer Co (AD).
Long-eared Owl - 5 3/17 Rocky Mountain Arsenal (Club).
Short-eared Owl - 1 4/27 Platteville (ML).
Yellow-shafted Flicker - female 5/8 Jefferson Co (MB,RA); 1 5/18 Bonny Resv (Count); 1 6/2 Ovid (IB)(All reported without details--hybrids?)
Horned Lark - courtship display 2/24 Sedalia (Club).
Common Raven - 1 over Boulder 5/10 (OT).
White-necked Raven - 1 5/22 Sheridan Lake, Kiowa Co (IB).
Clark's Nutcracker - After almost complete absence in winter, first report for spring is for April, "in mountains", by Gwen Smith. None were seen by the several parties in the mountains for Spring Count, 5/18. Thompson Marsh reports that the lookout on Squaw Mountain, Mrs. Swanlund, had only one during the winter instead of the usual 25-30, but that 25 or 30 (about one-third of them birds of the year) returned in mid-June.
Western Meadowlark - Many in full song 2/16 Denver (C&MS).
Red-winged Blackbird - 1 male 3/30 with orange plastic strip (See Vol. 11, No. 2, p. 18) Barr Lake (P&JW); first females 4/26 Longmont (IB).

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WELDONA NOTES - SPRING, 1963

by Howard Rollin

April 30 - The winter's drouth continued through April, only a trace of moisture being recorded here. The warm, pleasant weather was marred on many days by strong winds which continued to sap what little moisture there was in the ground. The dry weather is a boon to most birds. Western Meadowlarks and Horned Larks are in the midst of their

nesting; no young have been noted so far. On the other hand, most species are extremely scarce, or are missing from the usual April counts.

May 31 - The drouth continues, the only moisture recorded being .5 inch May 19 and a few tenths since then. The only green is along the creek, mostly the trees. A few young meadowlarks and Horned Larks have been seen. Migrants are still few or absent.

Following are observations for April (A) and May (M) (F-first of spring, L-last of winter or of migration):
Double-crested Cormorant - flock of 12 flying over, 5/11
Mallard - 2 at creek 5/11; the only ducks seen.
Swainson's Hawk - 1 or 2, A; scarce, M.
Golden Eagle - occasional.
Marsh Hawk - rarely seen.
Sparrow Hawk - most numerous hawk, A; scarce, but pair nesting in hole in earth bank in canyon, M.
Ring-necked Pheasant - fairly common, A; fewer, M.
Killdeer - 2 4/2 (first since 3/22); scarce later, even along creek, A and M.
Mourning Dove - F, 3 4/2-4; common by 4/25; uncommon, a few nesting, M.
Great Horned Owl - common, A,M.
Common Nighthawk - F, 1 5/28.
Eastern Kingbird - F, 1 5/21; scarce.
Western Kingbird - F, 1 5/3-4; fairly common; pair nesting here.
Say's Phoebe - (F, 3/27); common by 4/27; nest finished under eaves, 4/30; 3 known nests, M; young under eaves 5/31.
Horned Lark - common; some young about, but nesting slow, probably because of food scarcity, M.
Rough-winged Swallow - F, 3 5/24-26; 50-100 5/21 at Fort Morgan.
Barn Swallow - 1 5/10.
Black-billed Magpie - common and nesting, A; many nestings apparently failures, M.
Common Crow - 3 4/6, 2 4/14, 2 5/16.
Rock Wren - F, 1 4/7; a few through A & M.
Mockingbird - F, 1 4/2; fairly common, M; 3 nestings (2 failures) about buildings.
Brown Thrasher - F, 1 4/30; 2 or 3 pairs present, one nesting at buildings, M.
Sage Thrasher - F, 1 4/6-9; none since.
Robin - 1 4/2 only.
Northern Shrike - L, 1 4/10.
Loggerhead Shrike - F, 1 4/13; nest completed by 4/30, apparently by bird banded last year by Mrs. Collister; nesting a failure, banded bird apparently taken by predator.
Starling - occasional few come and go.
Warblers - none.
House Sparrow - occasional few; 1 pair present 4/30; rare, M.
Western Meadowlark - very common; nesting, A; young about, 5/31.
Red-winged Blackbird - very few, A and M.
Bullock's Oriole - F, 1 5/11; remaining, 5/31.
Brewer's Blackbird - F, 6 4/21-24; very few, A; none, M.
Common Grackle - (F, 3/23); 4/16, a few later, A; most frequent of migrant blackbirds, M.
Brown-headed Cowbird - F, 1 4/2, a few remaining, A and M; no females by 4/30.

Blue Grosbeak - 2 5/26, along creek.
American Goldfinch - occasional, M.
Green-tailed Towhee - F, 1 4/20-21; very few, A.
Lark Bunting - F, 250 5/1, very few later, M; in small flocks and none nesting by 5/31 (should have young by this time).
Vesper Sparrow - F, 2 4/9-12; common by 4/23; last, 2 5/10.
Lark Sparrow - F, 2 males 4/28; rare, M.
Cassin's Sparrow - a few present, 5/31.
Oregon Junco - L, 1 4/12.
Chipping Sparrow - last transient 1 5/27.
Clay-colored Sparrow - F, 3 4/15-17; L, 5/10; rare this spring.
Brewer's Sparrow - F, 5/10-12; scarce.
White-crowned Sparrow - very few A; L 5/2.
McCown's Longspur - F, 1 4/5-10; only 6 or 7 seen this spring (A).

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BREEDING SEASON, 1963

by Donald M. Thatcher

The unusually hot, dry summer was favorable to most species, particularly the ground nesters, but had the opposite effect on those that prefer wet situations. At Platteville, Mrs. Marjorie Lett says, " With the ponds in the pasture drying up and no cattails, we had no blackbirds nesting this year, and no shorebirds except killdeer." And at Golden, George Shier writes, "Lack of puddles due to drouth kept most Mallards from nesting, perhaps, although there were some ponds. Of eight or so pairs of Mallards that appeared, probably not more than two raised young. We had the usual 20 pairs of Red-winged Blackbirds and the cattails and rushes grew, but something was wrong and I saw only four young out of the nest. The adults left early and many females appeared to have failed to brood eggs. Magpies robbed some of the few Brewer's Blackbirds." Perhaps an abnormal, almost complete absence of grasshoppers was responsible for the blackbird failures.

High-light of the summer at Denver was the presence of many Chimney Swifts, which presumably nested somewhere in the city. At the Denver Federal Center, four species nested simultaneously on one of the buildings, all within 20 feet of each other. Three or four pairs of Cliff Swallows built or started nests under the roof overhang. Just underneath these on a window sill was a Robin's nest, and touching that nest, but beneath an air-conditioner, one of the House Sparrow. A few feet away a House Finch started a nest in the bell-shaped cover of an air-conditioning exhaust fan. Only the Robin appeared to be successful.

Following are listed data on nesting and young, and occurrences or behavior of some of the less common species, generally presumed to be breeding. Data on the Black Swift and Three-toed Woodpecker may be helpful to those who wish to find those species.

Contributors are listed with the preceding report on spring migration.

Western Grebe - 50 7/5 Latham Resv, LaSalle (ML); 4 7/8 Union Resv, Longmont (ACol).

Pied-billed Grebe - 4 young 7/10 Newell Lake, Weld Co. (ACol); 1 with 6 young 9/8 LaSalle (ML).
Double-crested Cormorant - 36 8/4 LaSalle (ML).
Common Egret - 1 6/14 Mile High Lakes (C&MS).
Snowy Egret - 12 6/14 Mile High Lakes (C&MS).
White-faced Ibis - 1 at lake 5/5-6/26 Boulder (LH et al); 2 6/14 Mile High Lakes (C&MS); 1 8/26 Ault (ACol)
Canada Goose - 3 pairs with young 6/19 CCRA (HK).
Gadwall - hen with 8 newly-hatched young 5/18 Longmont (IB,ACol).
Swainson's Hawk - 2 half-grown young at nest 8/26 Nunn (ACol).
Golden Eagle - nest with young Feb. 6 Indian Meadows, Larimer Co (L&CB)

Sparrow Hawk - adult entering nest built on pack rat nest in cavity in vertical cliff, 50 feet from ground 5/12 and 18 Red Rocks (DT); family with 4 young (2 m., 2 f.), probably from another nest, in tree 7/14 Red Rocks (Club); families of 4 and 5 young 7/12 CCRA (C&MS).
Blue Grouse - hen with 5 small young 7/6 Tabernash; 1 8/10 Genesee Mountain (R&NG).
Mountain Plover - 9 (1 young banded) 7/10 Nunn (Experimental Range) (ACol); 10 (6 young) 6/8 Nunn (Exp. Range)(Club).
Long-billed Curlew - 1 7/24-25 Platteville (ML).
Spotted Sandpiper - 1 adult, 3 small young 7/28 CCRA (C&MS).
American Avocet - nest, 4 eggs on bare shore 5/18 Longmont (IB,ACol); 3 tiny young 6/20 Longmont (IB).
Wilson's Phalarope - pair 6/16 Kenosha Pass (P&JW).
California Gull - 3 6/2 Fort Morgan (Club); 1 6/16 Kenosha Pass (P&JW); 6 7/20 Jefferson Co (Club).
Mourning Dove - 2 pairs nesting in yard, on nests starting 5/6 Longmont (IB); young out of nest 6/9 Boulder (LH).
Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 1 singing 6/9,18 NW Denver (DT).
Great Horned Owl - 2 young in nest on cliff side 5/8,23 Longmont (IB); pair with 2 large young, nest on shelf on cliff 5/12,18 Red Rocks (DT).
Burrowing Owl - 2 pairs nesting in pasture (fewer than usual) Platteville (ML).
Poor-will - eggs in nest 6/12 (abandoned after heavy storm) Golden (GShier).
CHIMNEY SWIFT - considerable numbers seen different parts of Denver 5/12 to 10/14; flock of approx 25 at City Park (AMB,HH); 15 NW Denver (DT), others south and SE Denver (TM,RGlover); this is first season this species reported in Denver after late June. 2-5 6/18,20,9/9 Longmont (IB); 2 6/2 Fort Morgan (Club); 10 at Boulder 5/9 through summer (OT,GSmith,LH,HK); 6 6/1 Julesburg (IB).
Black Swift - 2 6/30 Mt. Lindsey, at 10,700', Costilla Co (TM); 1 7/7 Fool's Peak, 12,800' (10 mi. W of Mt. of Holy Cross)(HK); 1 7/26 summit Mt. Emma, 13,580', near Telluride (HK); 6 8/4 Canyon Creek, near Ouray (HK); several 8/22, 1 8/23 Moraine Park, Rocky Mtn. Nat. Park (ACol).
White-throated Swift - 3 7/26 Summit Mt. Emma (HK).
Broad-tailed Hummingbird - 1 6/13 at 12,800', Mt. Harvard (HK).
RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD - male 7/27-8/1 near Estes Park (TC,ACol,GDeL)
Red-headed Woodpecker - young in nest 7/12 CCRA (C&MS).

Northern Three-toed Woodpecker - 1 6/13 Main Range Trail, near Mt. Harvard, 10,000' (HK); 1 6/29 Island Lake, Grand Mesa (R&LG); 1 7/1 10 mi. W of Lyons (HK); 1 7/6 Ranch Creek, Tabernash (R&NG); 1 8/4 Brainard Lake (P.W.) (Pair, July 1961 near Slavonia Camp, about 25 miles by road northward from Steamboat Springs--HK).
Eastern Kingbird - eating chokecherries 7/12 CCRA (C&MS).
Ash-throated Flycatcher - 1 8/4 north of Boulder (P&JW).
Say's Phoebe - young out of nest 6/29 Longmont (ACol).
Western Wood Pewee - young 7/13 Platteville (ML).
Violet-green Swallow - young out of nest 7/12 Boulder (LH); nest 7/31 in abandoned mine building near timberline (11,300') near Mt. Sneffels (HK).
Dipper - pair feeding young in nest under bridge 7/30 Chicago Creek, near Idaho Springs (C&MS).
House Wren - pair feeding young in nest in tree cavity 7/12 CCRA (C&MS)
Rock Wren - pair gathering nest material about timberline at 12,800', Mt. Harvard 6/13 (HK)
Mockingbird - 3 pairs 6/22 - 7/14 foothills west of Lyons (HK); 1 7/24 (at 7200') Evergreen (TM); all at abnormally high altitude.
Robin - feeding young 5/18 Platteville (ML); 1st young out of nest 5/27 Boulder (LH).
Veery - 1 singing 6/18 Lyons (GSmith).
Loggerhead Shrike - Mrs. Lett reports an oddly-colored young, with another normal shrike: face mask short and rounded; rump as well as tail black, with light at corners of tail; wings black with very little whitish; head and upper back very soft gray, lighter than those of normal bird accompanying; shoulders tan; breast and abdomen unevenly brown and black.
Starling - adult carrying worm to nest in woodpecker hole 5/2 Longmont (IB).
Red-eyed Vireo - 1 singing 6/3,5 and daily through July, NW Denver (DT).
Warbling Vireo - 2 pairs Platteville, sang until 7/11 (ML).
Yellow Warbler - young out of nest 6/22 Denver (DT); same 8/2 Platteville (ML).
American Redstart - 1 6/22 N. St. Vrain River, 1/2 mi. W Lyons (HK).
House Sparrow - 1st young out of nest 5/27 Boulder (LH).
Baltimore Oriole - male banded 7/11 Nunn (Exp. Range)(ACol).
Brewer's Blackbird - nest in top low hedge, 3 feet above ground, 6 feet from building, June, Denver Federal Center (DT).
CARDINAL - male 7/10 Bergen Park, in foothills (WS).
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK - 1 7/16-17 Moraine Park, RMNP (TC,GDeL).
Blue Grosbeak - male in mixed brown-blue plumage, singing 8/4 Rocky Mtn Arsenal (MLR,DT).*
IndigoxLazuli Bunting hybrid - 1 7/8 Longmont (ACol).
Dickcissel - 1 6/14 (IB), 2 apart 6/25 (ML)Longmont; 1 7/8 LaSalle (ML); 1 7/21 Mile High Lakes (T&RD); 1 7/27 NE of Denver (C&MS).
EVENING GROSBEAK - several in foothills near Boulder through June (see Migration notes) started returning to city 7/6,12 by 7/12 including 2 immatures (LH); 1 8/7 downtown Golden (R&NG); pair nested near center of Denver (6th and Humboldt) at home of Joseph Van Buskirk as reported by Dr. HAWinkler, incubating 6/13, young photographed 6/27 and nest empty 7/3 (probably first Denver nesting).
House Finch - 2 pairs nesting 5/18 Platteville (ML).
Pine Siskin - hundreds flocking in meadows at 9000' 7/6 Eagle Co (HK); 7/26-8/2 many flocking up to 12,500 feet near Mt. Sneffels (HK).

*Indigo Bunting - 1 7/13 Red Rocks (LW).

American Goldfinch - feeding young 8/24-28 Platteville (ML).
Red Crossbill - several reports of 1-20 July and August at Rollinsville (DT), Boulder (Enchanted Mesa)(LH), Gilpin Co. and North Turkey Creek (Jefferson Co)(P&JW), Ward (JB), Evergreen (TM); unusually numerous July and August, 33 banded Moraine Park,RMNP (ACol); 21 in two flocks eating sunflower seeds at roadside, Daniels Park (Douglas Co) 8/10 (C&MS).
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 3 7/30 Idaho Springs Resv, Clear Creek Co (C&MS).
Lark Bunting - young on wing by 7/5 Platteville (ML).
Savannah Sparrow - 1 6/16 Jefferson (Park Co)(P&JW); 6 7/5 LaSalle (ML).
Grasshopper Sparrow - 1, July Boulder (GSmith, LH).
Cassin's Sparrow - 4 6/8 Nunn (Club); 4 pairs (singing males) at Rocky Mountain Arsenal in large patch of white sage (Eurotia lanata), July-August (7/13-8/4) (MLR,LH).
Fox Sparrow - 2 6/1 Franktown (T&RD, NH); 1 7/13 Moraine Park RMNP (BBC) 1 7/25 near Estes Park, dusky-brown form, banded (ACol, GDeL).
McCown's Longspur - 17 5/18 Yuma Co (Count); flight display 5/24 (IB); 5 6/8 (Club); young out of nest 7/12 (ACol) Exper. Range, Nunn.
Chestnut-collared Longspur - 5 6/8 Exper. Range, Nunn (Club).

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WELDONA NOTES - SUMMER, 1963

by Howard Rollin

June 30 - The drouth was broken somewhat by .4 inch of rain June 9 and nearly 2 inches June 14-16. But the heat and wind since have exhausted the moisture and the grass that started greening and growing is again gray or brown. Hottest was 102°, June 28. The Horned Lark and the meadowlark have been very prolific and the Mockingbird is unusually common. Some other species, as the Lark Bunting, are completely absent and the Lark Sparrow is unusually scarce. No warblers seen this spring until June 10.

July 31 - July was extremely hot, with many days reaching nearly 100° and two 102°. The drouth continued with only a few rains of .2 - .3 inch. The dry weather seemed to favor many species. The hordes of grasshoppers usually associated with a drouth are completely absent.

August 31 - 1.9 inches of rain August 3 and a total fall of 7½ inches in August ended the long dry spell. Everything was green within two days and growth was phenominal. Many summer resident birds left in August and fall migrants, some very unusual here, began to appear.

Following are observations for June (Jn), July (Jy) and August (A), (including a few late first spring arrivals (FS) and first fall arrivals (FF):
Great Blue Heron - 1 8/8.
Mallard - 2 8/14.
Red-tailed Hawk - rarely, Jy.
Swainson's Hawk - occasionally, Ju, Jy.
Golden Eagle - a pair, seen occasionally.
Marsh Hawk - occasional.
Sparrow Hawk - occasional; canyon nest destroyed, but pair remained,Jn.

Bobwhite - 1 6/30, the first here in years.
Ring-necked Pheasant - fairly common, many successful nestings, Jn; scarce, Jy, A.
Killdeer - rare.
Solitary Sandpiper - small number through A; unusual here.
Franklin's Gull - 12 7/14.
Mourning Dove - very few at ranch; flocks along power line, Jy.
Barn Owl - first seen 6/2 (on nest in canyon cavity); 1 or 2 through A.
Great Horned Owl - common.
Burrowing Owl - 3 8/24-29.
Common Nighthawk - scarce; through A.
Belted Kingfisher - 1 8/31.
Red-headed Woodpecker - 1 7/2.
Downy Woodpecker - 1 7/2.
Eastern Kingbird - 1 6/1-5; very numerous, most ever seen here 7/30-31; absent by 8/31.
Western Kingbird - fairly common, 1 pair nesting here; common Jy, only a few by 8/31.
Say's Phoebe - young on wing by 6/10; second nesting started 6/20, young on wing 7/20; common, A.
Empidonax sp. - 1 8/30-31.
Western Wood Pewee - FS, 1 6/5; common, A.
Horned Lark - Many young, remaining in family groups, Jn; common Jy, some still feeding young 7/31; common, A.
Rough-winged Swallow - few, Jn; 2 7/15.
Barn Swallow - 2 8/31.
Black-billed Magpie - very few.
Black-capped Chickadee - 1 7/5.
Red-breasted Nuthatch - FF 1 8/22, the first here in several years; very common everywhere.
House Wren - 1 8/26-30, also unusual, and very common.
Rock Wren - few, Jn, Jy; fairly common, A.
Mockingbird - very common; many successful nestings about buildings and in canyons; reduced to 1 or 2 by 8/31.
Brown Thrasher - few, Jn; common, Jy; 1 or 2 by 8/31.
Sage Thrasher - 2 7/13, scarce; 1 or 2 present by 8/31.
Robin - 1 7/26.
Unidentified thrush - 6/10.
Loggerhead Shrike - very few, Jy, A.
Starling - entirely absent (Jy,A).
Yellow Warbler - 1 6/10.
Wilson's Warbler - 1 8/14.
House Sparrow - occasionally, Jn, Jy; none, A.
Western Meadowlark - very common; many young, Jn.
Yellow-headed Blackbird - 2 8/13, then occasional.
Red-winged Blackbird - flocks moving about, Jy; occasional, A.
Orchard Oriole - 1 6/2, nearby ranch.
Bullock's Oriole - pair nesting here, the first in many years, Jn; common Jy, A, to few by 8/31.
Common Grackle - flocks, Jy; few, A.
Brown-headed Cowbird - few, Jn.
Black-headed Grosbeak - FS, 1 6/4.
Blue Grosbeak - none, Jn; 1 7/12,20, singing; a few most of A; did not nest near here.
House Finch - 1 or 2, Jn.
American Goldfinch - occasional, all months.

Lark Bunting - none here (Jn), but 1 pair about 6 miles down the road (6/7); small flocks late July; large flocks by 8/30.
Lark Sparrow - few (Jn); nesting (Jy); very few by 8/31.
Cassin's Sparrow - few (Jn); fairly common (Jy), young on wing 7/31; very few by 8/31.
Clay-colored Sparrow - FF, 6 8/13-14; very common late A.
Brewer's Sparrow - fewer than the Cassin's (Jn); rare (Jy); small numbers (A).
McCown's Longspur - FF, 3 8/27.

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COLOR-MARKED WATER BIRDS

The following was received from Dr. R. A. Ryder of the Department of Forest Recreation and Wildlife Conservation, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, 80521, dated October 18, 1963:

"We are live-trapping, banding, and color-marking several species of water birds in the vicinity of Fort Collins and are writing you in hopes you or your associates might observe these color-marked birds and report the place and date of such sightings. All of these marking activities are a part of a study of the role water birds play in the dispersal of aquatic organisms. The following species are being dyed with various harmless dyes as well as banded with both regulation aluminum bands and colored by markers: Ring-billed Gull, Franklin's Gull, Great Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, American Coot, Mallard, Pintail, Avocet and Killdeer.

"Please inform us of any observations you may make of these dyed birds. If you desire we will send you copies of progress reports of the study as they are prepared.

"A progress report of our first year's work is in preparation and soon will be sent to those desiring copies."

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MOVEMENTS AND MIGRATIONS OF SOME COLORADO GULLS

(Abstract of a paper presented to the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Science, May 3, 1963, Fort Collins, Colorado)

by Ronald A. Ryder, Colorado State University

Transient Ring-billed, California, and Herring Gulls (Larus delawarensis, L. californicus, and L. argentatus) were captured with a cannon-net trap, banded, and color-marked in the Fort Collins area. In September and October, 1962, 113 Ring-billed, 5 California, and 5 Herring Gulls were banded. Of these, 107 of the Ring-bills were dyed yellow with picric adid. Also, plastic neck tags were attached to 63 of the dyed birds.

To date, 50 sightings (1 to 13 birds per sighting) and 4 band recoveries of Ring-billed Gulls have been reported mostly within 60 miles of the banding site but with some individuals as far away as

Sterling, Colorado; Carlsbad, New Mexico and Huatabampo, Sonora, Mexico. Apparently many migrant Ring-billed Gulls winter in Colorado but some move to the Gulf of California and, possibly, to the Gulf of Mexico.

On April 23, 1963, 27 California and 4 Herring Gulls were trapped, banded, dyed yellow and released. Two sight observations and one band recovery of California Gulls suggest that most of this species frequenting northern Colorado in the fall and spring probably are produced in nesting colonies near Laramie, Wyoming, but some undoubtedly originate in the nesting colony of White Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants, and California Gulls that was recently discovered on Riverside Reservoir near Masters, Weld County, Colorado.

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LOUISIANA HERON AT BARR LAKE, COLORADO

The morning of May 18, 1963, while taking part in the annual spring count, our group observed a Louisiana Heron. It was perched on a dead stub just above the water, at the small pond just north of the Barr Lake dam. From the back, it first appeared to be an adult Little Blue Heron, but as soon as we could see the front of the bird its real identity was apparent. The underparts were clear white, the chin white, and there was a slender white plume on the head. The bill was comparatively long and slender, lighter at the base, black at the tip; the legs were gray-green.

The bird flew after we had watched it with telescope and binoculars for about ten minutes. As it came overhead, the white underwing coverts showed plainly; then we were able to see the white rump. The bird was distinctly slim and graceful in flight, and of medium size. It gained altitude quickly and flew off high into the south.

Observers in the group included: Nancy Hurley, Lois Webster, Ruth and Ted Dement, and Candace and Mary Louise Rosegay.

---M.L.R.

-- NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, November 26, 1963, 8:00 p.m., at Bird Room, Denver Museum of Natural History. (Use north, basement door.)
Dr. Gordon Alexander, of the University of Colorado zoology department, will talk on the birds of Thailand.

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FIELD TRIPS -- December 1963 and January 1964

December

1 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Meet at Colfax & Sheridan, behind drug store at SE corner. To Bow Mar and Marston Lake. Harold Holt, leader. ½-day.
7 Sat. 8:00 a.m. SW corner Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Waterton. Charles & Mildred Snyder, leaders. Bring lunch
8 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Colfax & Sheridan. Red Rocks Park. Donald Thatcher, leader. ½-day.
14 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Colfax & Sheridan. Deer Creek. Ted & Ruth Dement, leaders. Bring lunch.
15 Sun. No trip. President's At-Home. (See below)
21 Sat. Denver Christmas Count.*
22 Sun. No trip.
28 Sat. Idaho Springs Christmas Count.*
29 Sun. No trip.

January

4 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Meet Cherry Creek Sh. Ctr., SW cor. To Cherry Creek Recreation Area. C. & M. Snyder, leaders. Bring lunch.
5 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Same as Dec. 1. Bow Mar - Marston Lake.
11 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Cherry Cr. Sh. Ctr. To Cherry Creek Rec. Area. T. & R. Dement, leaders. Bring lunch.
12 Sun. 7:00 a.m. Same as Dec. 8. Red Rocks.
18 Sat. 9:00 a.m. Colfax & Sheridan. Golden area. George Shier, leader. Bring lunch.
19 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Natural History Museum parking lot. To Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Mrs. Mary Louise Rosegay, leader. ½-day.
25 Sat. 8:00 a.m. Cherry Cr. Sh. Ctr., SW cor. To Sedalia and Daniels Park. Lois Webster, leader. Bring lunch.
26 Sun. 8:00 a.m. Cherry Cr. Sh. Ctr., SW cor. Cherry Creek Rec Area and Castlewood. Nancy Hurley, leader. Bring lunch.

*For information on Christmas Counts, call Harold Holt, 424-9169.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL AT-HOME

The president's annual at-home for members and friends of the Colorado Bird club will be held at the Willcocksons', 5210 East Asbury Avenue, Denver, on Sunday, December 15, 1963, between 2 and 5 p.m. This is your invitation.

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The COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB invites Bird Club members to join them on a Christmas Count in the Pikes Peak area. Hoping to conduct the highest count in the nation, the Mountain Club plans to send counters from the top of Pikes Peak down to the town of Manitou Springs. They will be divided into several groups, and the CMC will welcome any CBC members who wish to join them. The Count will be held Tuesday, December 31. Sign up by contacting Hugh Kingery, 1555 Franklin St., Denver, 80218. Phone 222-0069.

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If your ZIP CODE number is not included in your address on this bulletin, please send it in when convenient.